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On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the hardest and 5 the easiest, how would you rate the ease of entry to and exit from the CNMI since federal authorities took over the local immigration system?

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GAO to issue report on zeroing out CW permits

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The U.S. Government Accountability Office will soon be issuing a report to the U.S. Congress on the CNMI-only transitional work permit program for foreign workers, particularly the impact of uncertainty related to two main issues: the federalization law's requirement to zero out the number of CW permits by end-2014, and the provision allowing the transition period beyond Dec. 31, 2014.

GAO is the investigative arm of Congress.

It wants to understand the impact of the uncertainty of two pending decisions by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Labor on the CNMI economy and individual employers, and is asking the Saipan Chamber of Commerce for answers.

"The timing of these DHS and DOL decisions and exactly what the agencies' plans are have not been presented to the public or CNMI stakeholders," GAO said in a letter to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce in mid-

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Crunch time: Monday meeting on Fund emergency

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A day after placing the beleaguered NMI Retirement Fund under a state of emergency, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial invited lawmakers yesterday to a Monday meeting to explore possible solutions to problems plaguing the pension agency. The Fund is expected to last only two years unless the government takes actions to prolong its lifespan.

Lawmakers, in separate interviews yesterday, said they look forward to a meeting with Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy

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CDC says older teens often text while driving

By MIKE STOBBE
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ATLANTA (AP)—Think your teen would never text while driving? More than half of high school seniors admitted in a government survey that they've done just that.

It's the first time the question was asked in a teen poll on risky behavior, and the finding comes amid a renewed federal crackdown on distracted driving.

Texting and cellphone use behind the wheel is "a

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Aaron Deveau, 18, listens to assistant district attorney Ashlee Logan while testifying at Haverhill District Court in Haverhill, Mass. Tuesday, June 5, 2012, where he is on trial on charges of motor vehicle homicide while texting. Authorities say the then-17-year-old Deveau was texting when he crossed the center line of a Haverhill street on Feb. 20, 2011 and crashed into a vehicle driven by 55-year-old Donald Bowley of Danville, N.H., who died 18 days later in the hospital.

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The 2012 Marianas March Against Cancer honors title sponsors Bank of Guam, DFS Saipan, Ltd., IT&E, Joeten Charitable Foundation, and Sorensen Media Group Saipan and major sponsors Hopwood Jr. High School, IP&E, Saipan Mayor's Office, and Younis Art Studio during a luncheon on May 30 for supporting the annual cancer fundraising event. The luncheon was held at the Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel. The committee also paid tribute to longest participating teams Ahu, Bodig, and Pacific Islands Club.

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Sahagun, Cabrera top MHS graduates

AGELINE SAHAGUN
Valedictorian

RACHEL RENEE CABRERA
Salutatorian

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Ageline Sahagun and Rachel Renee Cabrera emerged as this year's most outstanding students of Marianas High School and were bestowed the highest academic recognitions during commencement exercises this week on campus.

Sahagun was presented with the prestigious Board of Education Award as class valedictorian, while Cabrera was awarded the Commissioner's Award as class salutatorian.

Sahagun, the daughter of Ruben and Yolanda Sahagun, will pursue college at the Guam Community College where she will take up biological engineering. After a year, she plans to transfer to the University of Hawaii to continue her studies.

In her valedictory address, the 18-year-old expressed gratitude to her family, friends, and mentors for their guidance, care, and support. She wished her fellow graduates "good luck."

"Whatever comes next, let's be true to ourselves. Don't focus so much on the perfect opportunity that you miss the right ones. The screw-ups and mistakes don't stop here. Never let the past define who you are now. Never let the present define who you are in the future, because trust me, it all can change," Sahagun told her peers.

Cabrera echoed these sentiments as she urged her peers to keep striving for their future. She also recognized her family, teachers, and peers for their guidance and inspiration.

She was personally presented her award by Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan.

MHS conferred diplomas to 232 graduates this school year. On the Top Ten List were Sahagun, Cabrera, Riya Nathrani, Phoebe Zhou, Kimberly Vitug, Michelle Ngirbabul, Mark Christopher Echaure, Liamwar Rangamar, Genevieve Alexa Gottwald, and Deveney Dela Cruz.

The Governor's Award, presented by Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, was bestowed on Michelle Ngirbabul, who also emerged as this year's Gates Millennium Scholar. She was also presented Monday with a commendation from Delegate Gregorio Sablan.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera presented the Principal's Award to Marylyn Waing.

Prior to the graduation ceremonies, awards and recognitions were also handed out to other deserving graduates, among them Michael Roberto Moran, who received the both the President's Education Award for academic achievement and the Distinguished Athlete Award given by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Graced by members of the education board led by chair Marylou Ada, the ceremony was keynoted by Joey and Elizabeth Elger.

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Suspect in sex trafficking case pleads guilty

One of two suspects in a sex trafficking scheme that lured women from China on false promises of jobs and then forced them into prostitution once they got here pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court.

Wei Lin appeared with counsel, Michael Dotts, at a change of plea hearing in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Lin pleaded guilty to the indictment charging him with conspiracy to commit sex trafficking and to benefit financially from a sex trafficking venture.

He will be sentenced on Sept. 14, 2012.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona immediately remanded Lin to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe prosecuted the case.

A superseding indictment had charged Lin and co-defendant Yanchun Li with a count of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking and to benefit financially from a sex trafficking venture; three counts of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion; and one count of financially benefiting from a sex trafficking venture.

According to the indictment, Rosen Music Studio was a karaoke bar in Chalan Laulau that also provided sexual services for an added fee. Most, if not all, of the commercial sexual acts were performed outside the karaoke bar.

In exchange for a portion of the proceeds, Lin provided Rosen Music Studio with women to perform the sexual services.

Sex acts performed by these women generally took place in an apartment procured by Lin.

Lin paid co-defendant Li to, among other things, transport the women back and forth from the Rosen Music Studio to the Hong Apartment, and in some cases, to and from hotels.

Three Chinese women traveled to the CNMI in August and September 2010 based upon Lin's promises, and other working on his behalf, of jobs at a new hotel that Lin was purportedly opening on Saipan.

The suspects promised the three women work as waitresses or housekeepers, that their salary would be over $1,000 per month, and that they would receive work visas after their arrival.

The suspects arranged and coordinated the three women's travel from China to the CNMI.

The suspects collected from each of the three women over $4,000, took their passports, and told them they would likely be killed by criminals if they go outside. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Karaoke operator allegedly forced 3 women to engage in prostitution

A karaoke club operator who was arrested last week in Guam after being indicted in federal court on Saipan of sex trafficking was brought to the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday afternoon.

Chang Ru Meng Backman, 39, appeared in court without a lawyer.

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami S. Badawy informed the court regarding the proceedings held in Guam after Backman's arrest.

Backman told the court it was her decision to hire her own attorney and that attorney Randall Cunliffe was going to find counsel for her.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the U.S. government's motion to unseal the case and to continue detaining the suspect pending future proceedings.

Arraignment will be on June 12, 2012.

Manglona remanded Backman to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

The indictment charged Backman with three counts of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion and three counts of alien smuggling-harboring.

According to the indictment, Backman operated the Holiday Night Club, a karaoke bar on the second floor of a building in Chalan Kanoa. The club also allegedly provided sexual services for an added fee.

Backman received money from customers of the club for sexual services performed by women at her direction. Sex acts performed by these women generally took place in rooms where the women lived in a barracks adjacent to the Holiday Night Club.

Backman, among other things, allegedly provided women with condoms and received money directly from customers.

On occasion, Backman allegedly transported the women to and from the Holiday Night Club to various locations for customers to engage in sex acts with women at Backman's direction.

Three Chinese women traveled to the CNMI in August 2008 based upon promises of jobs at a hotel or a farm on Saipan. Backman allegedly coerced the three women to engage in commercial sex acts.

The defendant allegedly provided housing to the three women, whose visitors' entry permits had expired. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

MHS Class of 2002 reunion dinner

A reunion dinner banquet will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2012, for the MHS Class of 2002. An early admission fee of $20 per person will be due before June 15, 2012. Payments received at the door on the day of the event will be $26 per person. RSVP is required. For more information contact Beau Tomokane at 483-0805. ***(PR)***

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Hospital receives medical supply donations from Hawaii

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Medical staff and officials of the Commonwealth Health Center, led by chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta, center, received from KKMP Foundation founder Rosemond Santos yesterday the donated items from Hawaii Sen. Glenn Wakai. A total of 100 boxes of assorted medicines and materials were turned over yesterday to the hospital's Medical Supply Office in Lower Base.

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Commonwealth Health Center officials and employees received yesterday donated items from Hawaii that partnered with island-based KKMP Foundation to bring the much-needed assistance to the public hospital.

Led by Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta, the group was presented a total of 100 boxes of assorted medical supplies and materials by KKMP Foundation founder Rosemond Santos, who partnered with Hawaii State Sen. Glenn Wakai in bringing the senator's latest donations to the CNMI.

Wakai is a Democratic member of the Hawaii State Senate and represented District 15 since 2011. For many years, the lawmaker has been extending assistance to the Commonwealth by way of sharing donated items received by his office in Hawaii.

Santos revealed that since her days as a representative, the Hawaii legislator has been partnering with her office. The newly established KKMP Foundation is the non-profit arm of the KKMP Radio Station, which Santos owns and operates.

Babauta and some medical staffers went yesterday to the hospital's Medical Supplies Office in Lower Base to personally receive the latest donation. Among these items were various medicines, linens, and others. Also donated were toys for children at the hospital's pediatric unit. Some items were books and school materials for the CNMI Public School System.

"With the financial situation that we're in, this is much appreciated help," Babauta said, adding that every little help CHC gets is vital in the survival of the hospital.

CHC is still in state of state of emergency.

Santos, for her part, recognized the valuable assistance of the foundation's partners, Saipan Shipping and Saipan Stevedore, for waiving the fees and other charges in shipping the items.

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May.

This week, GAO again asked the Chamber whether there are any further member responses to the questions that GAO earlier posed related to these two matters.

Richard Pierce, the Chamber's executive director, said the Chamber has received some very valuable comments from its membership but again asks for any midnight hour communication to better illustrate the uncertainty felt by CNMI businesses, employers and employees, and potential employers in the CNMI.

Pierce said yesterday that the Chamber will advocate for an extension of the transition period.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), and some lawmakers have made known their position on the issue, saying it's a "foregone conclusion" that the CNMI will still need foreign workers for its economy beyond 2014.

Fitial, however, has yet to formally ask for an extension of the transition period.

DHS' U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has begun granting CW permits to foreign workers.

As of April 17, 2012, USCIS has already approved 1,045 CW petitions consisting of 1,576 beneficiaries or foreign workers. This was out of 5,659 I-129 CW petitions received for 11,695 beneficiaries at the time.

GAO said DHS is also required by U.S. Public Law 110-229 to reduce the number of CW permits it issues to foreign workers to "zero" by the end of the transition period in 2014.

PL 110-229 placed CNMI immigration under federal control.

The new law allows U.S. Labor to extend the transition period beyond Dec. 31, 2014, if it thinks it is necessary to ensure an adequate number of workers are available to CNMI businesses.

Among GAO's questions are: "How has the uncertainty on whether firms will continue to have access to foreign labor affected by the CNMI economy?" and "How has the uncertainty on whether you will continue to have access to foreign labor affected economy-wide investment?"

The other questions are: "How has the uncertainty on whether firms will continue to have access to foreign labor affected your firm's business operations?" "How has the uncertainty on whether you will continue to have access to foreign labor affected your firm's plans for further investment?" and "In the event your firm no longer has access to foreign labor, what will you do?"

Pierce asked members to submit additional responses to the Chamber as soon possible, so that these responses will be immediately sent to GAO.

In July 2011, GAO issued a report to Congress on the status of transition to federal immigration law. At the time, DHS had yet to issue final regulations on the CNMI-only transitional permit program for foreign workers. DHS issued the final rule in September 2011.

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national epidemic," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said Thursday.

"We need to teach kids, who are the most vulnerable drivers, that texting and driving don't mix," LaHood said at a Washington news conference to announce pilot projects in Delaware and California to discourage distracted driving.

In the survey, about 58 percent of high school seniors said they had texted or emailed while driving during the previous month. About 43 percent of high school juniors acknowledged they did the same thing.

"I'm not surprised at all," said Vicki Rimasse, a New Jersey woman whose son caused a fender bender earlier this year after texting in traffic. She made him take a safe-driving class after the mishap.

"I felt like an idiot," said her 18-year-old son, Dylan Young. The episode taught him "to be a lot more cautious," although he conceded that he sometimes still texts behind the wheel.

The findings released Thursday are the first federal statistics on how common the dangerous habit is in teens. Distracted driving deaths are most common in teens, blamed for about 16 percent of teen motor vehicle deaths.

Focusing on a cellphone instead of the road leads to delayed reaction times, lane swerves and other lapses with sometimes fatal consequences, experts say.

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S. Inos to hear about the administration's plans and, at the same time, for the administration to also consider lawmakers' proposals.

Fitial said he and Inos want to meet with lawmakers "to explore possible solutions to the pressing Retirement Fund issues." The meeting is at 2:30pm in the governor's main conference room on the first floor of the governor's office building on Capital Hill.

"It is important that we emphasize the need to work diligently for the common good of our CNMI people," Fitial said in a one-page letter to Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan).

The government owes the Fund some $317 million in unpaid employer contribution plus interest.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) said it's about time the government streamline its operations, and hopes that leaders would stop "playing political ping-pong with peoples' lives."

Conner believes the CNMI government chose not to pay its employer contribution to the pension agency for several years to use the money to hire more people in government for "political gains."

"I'm not happy about this and I believe it's time we take a look at really streamlining this government," Conner told *Saipan Tribune*. Conner said he is also going to introduce a bill on the integration of government employees into the private sector.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the meeting is mainly intended to discuss the governor's executive order, as well as to initiate joint efforts among the elected leadership on matters pertaining to the Fund.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Tinian) said yesterday he expects that after Monday's meeting, a "doable plan of action is made and timelines are set to help both active defined benefit plan members as well as retirees."

"I believe the first order of business is to hear the administration's plan now that they have declared a state of emergency for the Retirement Fund. Next is to discuss the fate of House Bill 17-226 as this should be done immediately, although any action on this legislation should hinge on the administration's plans," he said.

Dela Cruz, one of those attending Monday's meeting, earlier said it should be the central government that should be placed under a state of emergency and not the Fund, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Manglona, in a separate letter to Cabrera on the eve of the Fund emergency declaration, called on leaders and legislators to "set aside political differences and work collectively to address the retirement problems."

"Now we are back to where we were before the Retirement Fund filed for bankruptcy. Notwithstanding the bankruptcy case, the Retirement Fund still has a two-year lifespan," he said.

On April 17, the NMI Retirement Fund became the first public pension agency on American soil to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. But the federal court dismissed the motion last week, although it has yet to issue a written ruling.

The governor, in his five-page executive order on Thursday declaring a state of emergency for the Fund, said his executive order "shall become effective immediately upon the federal bankruptcy court in re *Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund*, BK-12-0003, filing its judgment dismissing the action."

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), also attending Monday's meeting with Fitial and Inos, said everyone should understand that there are different parties involved and finding the best solution may not make everyone happy but at least it is the "most fair" solution.

Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) said she would have loved to attend Monday's meeting but she's still away on personal/medical leave. She said she wants to be part of the deliberation on the solutions to Fund's problems.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) said he hopes the House will consider the Senate bills and initiatives that are "still sitting in the House." Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said he also looks forward to the meeting.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), however, said he's disappointed that the Senate passed initiatives and bills to help the Fund without first sitting down with all stakeholders.

"I don't think that's the right way. I hope during Monday's meeting, there will be bills and initiatives that will be discussed and agreed upon, and will be acted upon immediately because it's something that the Legislature and the Executive Branch agreed upon," Basa said in a phone interview.

He said the Fund is "not an easy problem to solve," especially in putting more money to the Fund so that retirees will continue to receive their pensions beyond two years.

"Among our tasks is to see where we will be able to find new money. We need to move revenue-generating bills. If nobody brings up the issue of Saipan casino legislation, then I will bring it up during the meeting," he said.

Fitial's state of emergency declaration for the Fund suspends the power of the pension agency's board of trustees and administrator, and transfers this executive power to Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson. It re-organizes and transfers the Fund's statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities to the Department of Finance.

The governor made it clear that he intends to enable the Fund to continue to provide necessary services to retirees.

Under the EO, the governor may suspend all statutory or regulatory provisions as required and reprogram funds necessary to address the emergency.

The governor cited several reasons for placing the Fund under a state of emergency, including the Fund's own declaration that it is unable to pay its creditors by bringing an action for bankruptcy in federal court.

Fitial said until this problem is addressed, he finds that the Fund will continue to disburse its remaining assets unsustainably to a handful of retirees until the benefits of all members in the retirement system will be depleted.

"In order to stabilize the Retirement Fund's cash outflow and ensure continued viability of the Fund, change must be effectuated now," the governor said.

Fitial said the Fund's board cannot resolve these problems as it currently does not have the minimum number of members needed for quorum requirements.

Fitial's two appointees have yet to submit required documents to the Senate, whose advice and consent are needed.

The governor said it is the CNMI government's responsibility to take steps to increase the Fund's longevity, uphold its promises to its senior citizens, and therefore prevent the social and economic disaster that would result from the imminent disintegration of the Fund.

Fitial said the Fund's debts and obligations are ultimately the debts and obligations of the CNMI pursuant to Article III section 20(a) of the NMI Constitution, and it is inefficient and senseless to have intra-governmental litigation when the CNMI is ultimately responsible, acknowledges its responsibility, and desires to fulfill its duties.

New school meal requirements take effect next month

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Public school students will see changes in their school meals, including more servings of fruits and vegetables on their plates beginning this school year.

This is pursuant to the new meal requirements to be implemented beginning July 1, 2012.

According to PSS nutritionist Dianne Esplin, details of the required changes in school meals were released in January 2012, mandating the implementation of the 2010 Dietary Guidelines, which means school meals will look a lot more like the USDA's recommended My Plate, which replaced the food pyramid last year.

For starters, there will be more whole grains, Esplin said.

"In 2012-2013, at least 50 percent of the grain products on the menu have to be at least one-half whole grain. In two years, this goes up to 100 percent. PSS-Food and Nutrition Services proposed that we add whole grains to our local school meals by using half white and half brown rice, as suggested by NMC-CREES," said Esplin.

She said PSS tried to keep the changes as economical as possible to show that healthy food doesn't have to be expensive and so that parents can afford to try it at home, too. PSS also requires its bread products to be half whole grain.

Esplin said there will be more fruits on the menu, too. "On the breakfast menu, students need to be offered a full cup of fruit, and most of the time, that can't be fruit juice. Fruit juice is not as healthy as eating whole fruit. For example, it takes about five oranges to make one 8-ounce cup of orange juice. One cup of orange juice doesn't really fill you up, but five oranges would. It is very easy to overdo the calories by drinking juice, rather than eating whole fruit, and you miss out on all that healthy fiber," she explained.

This year, PSS-FNS gave contracted school food vendors more flexibility on fruit choices, allowing vendors to choose local fruits that are in season when it is economical for them.

Students' plates will also see more vegetables this year. "There will be more vegetables on the menu—at least one cup every day at lunch—and we'll need to meet minimum quantities of specific vegetable categories on the menu each week. Vegetables can fill you up with less calories than foods such as rice or meat."

The new vegetable categories in the menu include red and orange vegetables, dark green vegetables, legume vegetables, starchy vegetables, and other vegetables.

The menu changes also require PSS to serve 1 percent white milk, and skim flavored milk.

According to Esplin, USDA also has sodium (salt) reductions that will start next July. "PSS-FNS is currently working on standardizing all PSS recipes to allow us to meet those requirements next year," she said.

School meals are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

HIGHEST GPA AWARD CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Arvin Dayao, right, and Elijah Joshua Pajarillaga show off their trophies for receiving the Highest Grade Point Average in fourth grade and third grade class, respectively, and Highest GPA for the Elementary Department. The awarding ceremony was held yesterday during the elementary graduation at the GCA auditorium.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Wishing our baby Jared Drake T. Reyes a happy, happy birthday! He will be celebrating his third birthday on June 10, 2012. You have brought so much love, joy, and happiness for all of us and we thank the Lord for your wonderful blessings. We wish you all the best and much more blessings and guidance for many more blessed and happy years to come. We love you. Jared Drake! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, the Boyz, and Grandma.

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Don't neglect defense in cyber war

Iran recently reported it had been targeted by a cyber attack of unknown origin, later dubbed "Flame." Its objective was not to disrupt any network systems but to ransack computers for intelligence. Flame was discovered on the laptops of top Iranian officials and scientists.

The immediate speculation was that Flame, like the earlier "worm" Stuxnet, was produced in a joint effort by the United States and Israel. Stuxnet, as *The New York Times* reported, was a bid to disrupt uranium-enrichment centrifuges key to Iran's presumed drive to acquire nuclear weapons. The success of the attack isn't known with precision, but analysts believe it did unbalance and wreck several hundred centrifuges.

The United States has entered a shadowy new arms race, conducted with unseen weapons whose origins in some cases may never be traced. Even more worrisome, the offensive side of this arms race is far ahead of the defensive side. It's not clear how cyber attacks can be deterred or how safe we are from a crippling attack on the digital infrastructure that governs power plants, water services, air traffic control and the like.

The *Times* reported that the Stuxnet worm was part of a program that dates from the Bush administration, and whose deployment was authorized by President Barack Obama. The cyber attack slowed Iran's progress toward having nuclear weapons and deterred any moves by Israel toward a conventional military strike on Iranian facilities, which would have risked a wider war in the Middle East.

Yet Stuxnet raises concerns about the vulnerability of our own digital infrastructure.

The targets of any cyber attack would include more than civilian networks. Over the years, the military has become increasingly dependent on cyberspace.

Forces that were once "platform centric"—built around weapons platforms like tanks, ships and planes—have become "network centric."

Forces on land, sea and in the air are tied together by digital links, which makes the network itself the most lucrative target of all for any enemy. Take out or disrupt the network, and troops, ships and planes in a combat zone become isolated and vulnerable.

Analysts believe the nation's computer systems are hit virtually every day by Chinese hackers or cyber warriors, who seem mainly intent on raiding Pentagon systems for intelligence or corporate systems for trade secrets and technology.

Even so, the dawn of cyber war heralds an age of higher risk, as Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has warned. The next Pearl Harbor, he said last year, could come in the form of a debilitating computer attack on our power grid or financial markets.

The Obama administration must insist that our computer warriors give some thought not only to devising new cyber weapons, but to defensive measures capable of detecting and confounding attacks by foreign powers or terrorist groups.

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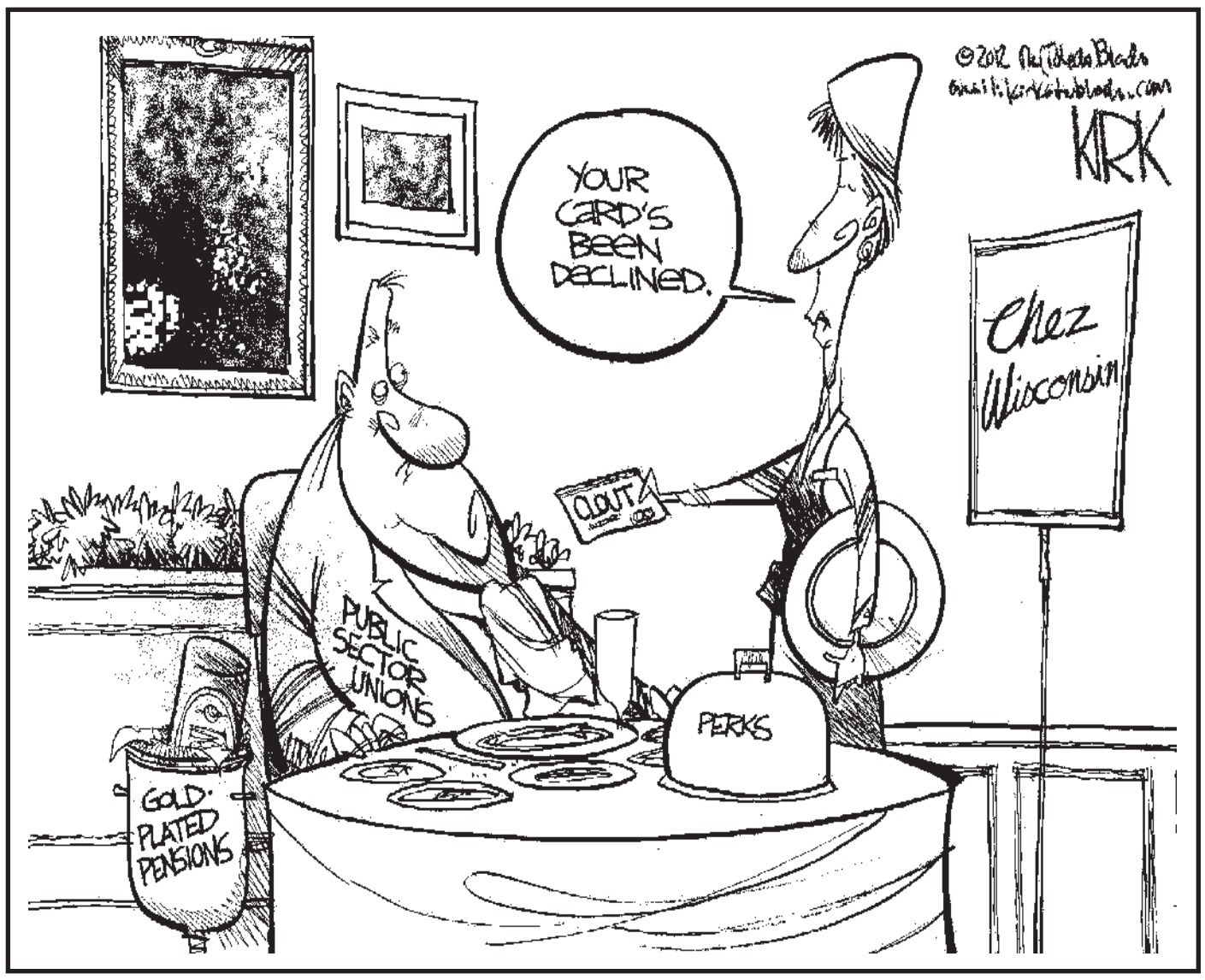

Six days in Israel, 45 years ago

By MIKO PELED
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In early June 1967, as I cowered with my mother and sisters in the "safest" room of our house near Jerusalem—the downstairs bathroom—we feared the worst. None of us imagined that the war that had just begun would end in six days. It was inconceivable that the Israeli army would destroy three Arab armies, kill upward of 15,000 Arab soldiers (at a cost of 700 Israeli casualties), triple the size of the state of Israel and, for the first time in two millenniums, give the Jewish people control over the entire land of Israel, including the crown jewel, the Old City of Jerusalem.

Many believe now, as they believed then, that Israel was forced to initiate a pre-emptive strike in 1967 because it faced an existential threat from Arab armies that were ready—and intending—to destroy it. As it happens, my father, Gen. Matti Peled, who was the Israel Defense Forces' chief of logistics at the time, was one of the few who knew that was not so.

In an article published six years later in the Israeli newspaper Maariv, he wrote of Egypt's president, who commanded the biggest of the Arab armies: "I was surprised that Nasser decided to place his troops so close to our border because this allowed us to strike and destroy them at any time we wished to do so, and there was not a single knowledgeable person who did not see that. From a military standpoint, it was not the IDF that was in danger when the Egyptian army amassed troops on the Israeli border, but the Egyptian army."

In interviews over the years, other generals who served at that time confirmed this, including Ariel Sharon and Ezer Weitzman.

In 1967, as today, the two power centers in Israel were the IDF high command and the Cabinet. On June 2, 1967, the two groups met at IDF headquarters. The military hosts greeted the generally cautious and dovish prime minister, Levi Eshkol, with such a level of belligerence that the meeting was later commonly called "the Generals' Coup."

The transcripts of that meeting, which I found in the Israeli army archives, reveal that the generals made it clear to Eshkol that the Egyptians would need 18 months to two years before they would be ready for a full-scale war, and therefore this was the time for a preemptive strike. My father told Eshkol: "Nasser is advancing an ill-prepared army because he is counting on the Cabinet being hesitant. Your hesitation is working in his advantage."

The prime minister parried this criticism, saying, "The Cabinet must also think of the wives and mothers who will become bereaved."

Throughout the meeting, there was no mention of a threat but rather of an "opportunity" that was there, to be seized.

Within short order, the Cabinet succumbed to the pressure of the army, and the rest, as they say, is history. The Six-Day War began three days later and was over on June 10, 1967. When the guns fell silent, one general saw yet another opportunity, one that would take most of Israel's other leaders some decades to recognize. This was my father. A 1995 newspaper profile reconstructed the first weekly meeting that the IDF general staff held after the war. When it came his turn to speak, my father said: "For the first time in Israel's history, we have an opportunity to solve the Palestinian problem once and for all. Now we are face to face with the Palestinians, without other Arab countries dividing us. Now we have a chance to offer the Palestinians a state of their own."

His position was well known. He argued in 1969 that holding on to the territory gained in the war was contrary to Israel's interests: "If we keep these lands, popular resistance to the occupation is sure to arise, and Israel's army will be used to quell that resistance, with disastrous and demoralizing results."

Over the years, he argued repeatedly that Israeli control in the West Bank and Gaza would turn the Jewish state into an increasingly brutal occupying power (he was right) and could eventually result in a binational state (he may yet be right, as events are moving in this direction). Allowing the Palestinians an independent state of their own, he maintained, would lead to stability and calm.

For 45 years, successive Israeli governments have invested billions of dollars in making the 1967 conquests irreversible, and they have eliminated any chance for the two-state solution to become a reality. Cities, highways, malls and factories have been built in the West Bank in order to settle Jewish Israelis there, while a reign of terror was put in place to govern the Palestinians whose lands were being taken. From denying access to water and land and obstructing free travel, through a maze of discriminatory laws and restrictions, to full-on military assaults, Israel has dedicated huge resources to the oppression and persecution of the Palestinians.

Now once again Israel is faced with two options: Continue to exist as a Jewish state while controlling the Palestinians through military force and racist laws, or undertake a deep transformation into a real democracy where Israelis and Palestinians live as equals in a shared state, their shared homeland. For Israelis and Palestinians alike, the latter path promises a bright future.

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Free markets vs family values

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We hear a great deal these days about the twin virtues of a free market and family values, as if the two went hand in hand. Reasoning about the connection seems to go like this: The freer the market, the more jobs. The more jobs, the more money. The more money, the stronger the family. And to free the market, the U.S. needs to cut taxes; privatize such things as public parks, libraries and schools; deregulate business; and cut public services such as Pell grants to help fund college, Medicaid and food stamps.

Cutting taxes for the top and services for the bottom may widen the gap between classes for a time, advocates acknowledge, but in the end family values will be served. Some economists argue that these policies don't make more jobs and may actually reduce them. But, leaving that debate aside, do free-market policies make for strong families?

One way to answer this question is to compare kids in nations that have aggressively embraced free-market policies with kids in nations that have not. The 2007 UNICEF "Report Card 7" does just that.

To compare the health, education, emotional and material well-being of children in 21 economically advanced nations, an international team of researchers looked at such indicators as whether children ate dinner with the family, had someone to talk to, were susceptible to accidents.

They reported the highest ratings of well-being among children living in the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Denmark—nations that, far more than we, tax the rich, regulate industry and provide such public services as paid parental leave, art subsidies and excellent public schools.

The lowest overall rank went to nations pursuing the strongest free-market agenda: the U.S. and Britain, both of which ranked in the bottom third for five of the six key dimensions of child well-being. The U.S. ranked dead last among these 21 affluent countries in child poverty and second to last in "family and peer relationships" and "behaviors and risks." The likelihood of a child skipping breakfast, of becoming fat, of smoking pot, of a teenage girl getting pregnant—on all these measure, the U.S. and Britain ranked worse than nearly all the other nations.

Much of the difference, the researchers suggest, can be traced to the availability of public services. A 2010 follow-up study, UNICEF "Report Card 9," reported the same bad news: The U.S. ranked 23rd out of 24 nations in the proportion of its children in poverty, beating out Slovakia, which came in last. We ranked 19th out of 24 in educational performance, and 22nd out of 24 in child health.

What about the effect of free-market policies on the well-being of adults? In their 2009 book, "The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger," British epidemiologists Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett compared 23 of the richest countries in the world, drawing data from the United Nations, the World Bank and the World Health Organization and from many other studies.

They examined 29 different measures of the well-being of adults, including rates of violence, drug abuse, mental illness, levels of social trust, social mobility and overall health and life expectancy. They compared nations that had the widest financial gap between the richest and poorest 20% of the population with nations that had the narrowest gap between the two.

On almost all of these indicators, the highest-gap nations—the U.S., Britain and Portugal—reported the most distress. The per capita homicide rate in high-gap countries was 10 times that of low-gap ones, and high-gap nations had three times the rate of mental illness. Even middle-class people in high-gap societies felt less safe in their communities than did their counterparts in low-gap societies. They also suffered poorer physical and mental health and more obesity, and they died earlier from all causes.

The United States is relatively new to being a high-gap nation. In 1960, as Charles Murray observes in his 2012 book, "Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010," there was far less distance between Americans at the top of the socioeconomic ladder and those at the bottom. By 2010, the gap had grown dramatically, and Murray found that as the American class system "came apart," so too did the families he studied. Poor people in 2010 felt less trustful of others, less supported by others and less happy than poor people in 1960—and so did rich people.

One reason for the widening gap is cuts to public services. Medicaid, food stamps, subsidized housing for the homeless and disabled, Head Start—these are programs that keep poor people from losing ground. Public service cuts affect middle-class people too, of course; in fact, they are the main users of national and state parks (one needs a car to get there) and public libraries. And with poorly funded public schools, middle-class parents will increasingly turn, as they are already doing, to private schools, which will mean Mom upping her hours at the office and Dad taking on overtime, leaving less time for the family.

We need a healthy market, of course. But we also have to understand that some of the policies said to free it can deeply hurt the very families free-marketeers claim to value. Why not aim a whole lot higher?

Afghan woman finds her voice on the air

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JALALABAD, Afghanistan—The first time Sanga Jabarkhil's family heard her give a broadcast report on the radio, they were mortified.

"All my family members stopped talking to me," she said. "This lasted for a whole year." Even today, one of her older brothers remains firmly opposed to her career as a broadcast journalist.

"My brother didn't talk to me, he didn't look at me and even avoided coming face-to-face with me," she said. "He told me, 'Whenever I am sitting with friends and you appear on the TV screen, everyone looks at me and asks whether you are my sister. I feel ashamed; it's like dying.'"

Like most young women in Nangarhar province, it hasn't been easy overcoming long-held prejudices. Just being allowed to attend school was a struggle. She credits a teacher with helping her acquire an education.

"One day, my brother stopped me from going to school," she said. When she finally arrived in class, her teacher asked why she was late.

"I told her my family wouldn't let me attend school," she said. "So the teacher came to our house and persuaded my family to allow me to complete school." Jabarkhil, 21, now the head of the state-owned Radio Television of Afghanistan office in Namgarhar, has finally managed to win over the rest of her family. She acknowledges that her mother, Nuria, has always been quietly supportive of her career.

She said she first became interested in broadcast journalism after listening to BBC and Voice of America radio program as a youngster.

At 15, she began working for RTA, balancing her job with her studies. To avoid suspicion, she told her family she was working for a local women's magazine.

So, hearing her first broadcast report, on arranged marriages, came as an unwelcomed shock to the entire family.

Their greatest concern was that their daughter was working alongside men at the radio station, something considered by many here to be immoral.

She went so far as to invite skeptical members of her family to the radio station's office to demonstrate that men and women worked in separate offices. Still, they feared that her high-profile position in the province would make her an unattractive marriage prospect.

Despite the fact that she wears a headscarf when appearing on TV and conceals her face when out in public, Jabarkhil has become something of a provincial celebrity.

"I still get phone calls from strangers. Some express admiration for my voice and beauty, while others are angry with me because I'm working in television," she said. "I answer them all by just saying 'thank you' and hanging up. It's a way of saying, 'Please don't bother me.'"

Some wonder why any woman would choose such a prominent job.

While attending a wedding recently, Jabarkhil said one of the other guests approached her and asked, "Why are you so hard on yourself, my dear? You are such a beautiful girl, yet you're still working in television."

These days, however, it's Jabarkhil's mother who comes to her defense.

"I'm very proud of her," her mother quickly declares.

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Catholics deny themselves wisdom of women

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Mathematical certainty is elusive, but here's a number that I can cite with absolute confidence: So far, 100 percent of the truly bad homilies I have ever heard at Mass have come from the male half of our species.

Could women give bad homilies at Mass? Theoretically, of course. It just takes lack of preparation and a dearth of talent, and presto: a homily that puts the faithful to sleep or makes them want to run from the church, screaming. In fact, a lot of Catholics have already quietly run from the church. Surveys of lapsed Catholics—numerous enough to qualify as the second largest denomination in America, after the church itself—show bad preaching as one strong reason for their exit. And the perpetrators? All men.

In future surveys of lapsed Catholics, here's another factor that may help explain the exodus: The Vatican is investigating nuns; American bishops have launched an inquiry into the Girl Scouts organization. To many women, this looks a lot like sexism and feels like the last straw.

So, here's a grand unified theory for easing the preaching problem, slowing the disappearance of people from the pews, and making a bit of peace between the hierarchy and the women who keep the church running: Let women preach the homily at Mass.

Yes, in small settings apart from the Mass, women may preach. But at the Mass itself—the marquee moment when the vast majority of us Catholics get our only exposure to preaching—the homily is reserved for the ordained.

This is a strange restriction, given the obvious truth that the gift of preaching does not automatically descend on a man at the moment of ordination. Too often, in fact, it never arrives. Like a priest I dubbed "Father So," who started every homily with "So," and then completely made it up as he went along. Zero preparation, content-free.

One way around the prohibition against women preaching the homily is to let women preach it, but call it something else. I've seen it. The priest gives a really brief one, like: "God is good," then introduces the woman who is really intended to give the homily and says that she will be delivering a "reflection." This, of course, puts a wink and a nod—some would say a lie—at the heart of the Mass. It also runs the risk that someone in the congregation will report the conspiring priest to the hierarchy. So it doesn't happen that often.

The more honest solution is this: Change Canon 767 in the church's Code of Canon Law. It says that the homily, as part of the liturgy, is the most important form of preaching "and is reserved to a priest or to a deacon." All you have to do is lop off those 10 words and add this: "It is the pastor's responsibility to see to it that the most gifted and theologically well educated persons preach it."

This would honor the attitude of Jesus, who listened to women more than men of his time did. It would not put heretics in the pulpit, but laypeople, both men and women, who have the training and the skill to read the signs of the times through the lens of the Scriptures. It's not that easy. It requires a deep grasp of both the world and the Scriptures, and it doesn't hurt if the homilist has a touch of the poet in her.

Some people just can't do it. So, why not let more people who do have the gift, regardless of sex, step into the pulpit?

Unless there's a sudden rush of men into the priesthood (I have a grand unified theory for that problem, too), pastors will be getting ever busier, serving more than one parish. They'll have much less time for homily preparation. So: More bad homilies, more lapsed Catholics.

At a time when the hierarchy looks as if it doesn't much care what women think, and it isn't ready to utter those two little words—"I'm sorry"—erasing 10 wrongheaded words from Canon 767 makes sense.

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The Weather

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼75
Yap	Showers	▲91	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲86	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Majuro	Showers	▲87	▼81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲62	▼55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲95	▼65
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼82
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼54
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲76	▼59
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼82
Melbourne	Showers	▲56	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85	▼76
New York	Thundershowers	▲80	▼62
Osaka	Showers	▲80	▼67
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼57
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼64
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼65
Salem	Showers	▲58	▼46
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼48
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Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼66

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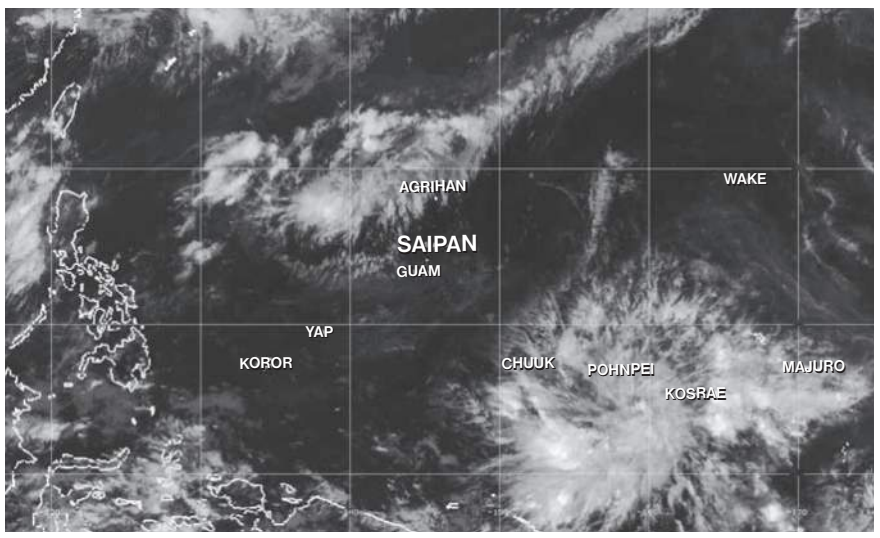

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

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Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:54 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
6:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
11:25 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
6:38 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:01 PM	10:15 AM
Sunday	11:41 PM	11:08 AM
Monday		11:58 AM
Tuesday	12:20 AM	12:47 PM
Wednesday	12:58 AM	1:35 PM

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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)				**SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)**			
UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 5	UA5064	4:15am	4:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**			
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UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30pm	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**			
DL287	6:05am	8:50am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
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OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)				**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:05am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
				UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C05071	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5072/PR111	10:05pm	7:50am+1	3, 6 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
				OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA5076/147	4:35pm	9:45pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5076	10:35pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/723	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; UA: United; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish
Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish
Monday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish
Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro
Wednesday:6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish
Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

PROTESTANT

Amen Church
Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net

Born Again Christian
(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm
Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

Church 360
Suite 103 of Marianas Business Plaza (1st floor of former Nauru Building).
Contact www.church360saipan.org, info@church360saipan.org, or call 888-2116
Celebration Service: Sundays at 10:15am
Prayer Fellowship: Thursdays at 6:30pm

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm
As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950
Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 10:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road,
Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church
Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa
(east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm
Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

Immanuel Methodist Church
(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)
(Korean Congregation)
Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm
Wednesday evening service: 8pm
Daily morning prayer: 5am

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am,
Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Living Hope Church of the Nazarene
Isa Drive, I-Denni Hill across from Ponderosa Heights
Bible Studies for all ages: Sunday at 10:00 am
Worship: Sunday at 11:00 am
Pastor Dave Bucher, 256-1142

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center
Sunday School: 9-9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)
Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville
Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services
Sunday morning 10:00am
Sunday evening 7:00pm

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Thy Word Ministries Saipan
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Phone 234-0209
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Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian
Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Victorious Christian Church
(Formerly God's Victorious Army)
Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service
Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship
Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup
Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service
Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice
Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting
Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Jun. 9, 2000

'Ice': a worsening problem in the CNMI
The proliferation of illegal substance like methamphetamine hydrochloride, popularly known on streets as "ice", is fast becoming a major threat to the Northern Marianas, according to an anti-prohibited drug advocate who recently completed a six-day presentation in Palau and the Federates States of Micronesia. Narcotics investigator Lt. Ismael Aguon disclosed the wide-spread sale of illegal substances like "ice" on the islands has worsened due to the reported increasing number of sources. Prohibited drugs like "ice" were once popularly routed directly or indirectly from the Philippines only but has now been imported from other countries like the mainland China and Taiwan, said Lt. Aguon, who has been a drug awareness presenter for close to 10 years now.

CPA exceeds debt coverage requirement by 309 pct.
The Commonwealth Ports Authority is beginning to show indications of resiliency with current level of aviation revenues empowering the agency's ability to comply with the requirements of the $20 million airport bond indenture. CPA records showed revenues generated by the agency's airport operations during the month ending April 2000 exceeded the required debt coverage ratio of 125 percent by 309 percent, after several months of falling short to meeting the requirement. During the period under review, CPA's airport division bagged $1.042 million in total operating revenues which registered a 12 percent improvement from the previous year of the same month's figures recorded at $927,441.

Jun. 9 2003

CDC: Stricter SARS inspection at NMI seaports
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention wants stricter implementation of measures at all CNMI seaports against the possible entry of the severe acute respiratory syndrome virus. Visiting CDC deputy chief for health studies Dennis J. Christianson said in a news briefing that he would be working with local authorities in securing all ports in efforts to prevent translocation of the dreaded virus. "I'm here to help in any way I can. The CNMI has been doing great [in terms of SARS monitoring and surveillance]," he said, noting that during his month-long stay in the CNMI, he would work closely with seaport authorities, through the U.S. Coast Guard, in monitoring all ships or sea vessels visiting the local ports.

'Ulterior motive behind push to increase minimum wage'
The push to increase the minimum wage in the CNMI is propelled not so much by any utopian goal of alleviating the welfare of workers but because of powerful forces within the garment industry in the U.S. mainland that want to wipe out the remaining competitive advantage that local apparel manufacturers enjoy, which is its ability to offer garment products at a lower cost. Economist Dr. Muhammad Ashraf pointed this out, saying that, by increasing the local minimum wage here, it will be the U.S. mainland garment manufacturers who will actually benefit since the garment makers here in the CNMI will be forced to sell their products to mainland buyers at a higher price. At the moment, U.S.-based garment manufacturers are at a competitive disadvantage since they pay higher minimum wages, which means any product they sell will be sold at higher prices.

Jun. 9, 2004

Peterson resigns as House counsel
House of Representatives legal counsel Murphy Peterson resigned from his post effective yesterday. "Over the course of the five years that I have served as a government attorney I have greatly enjoyed being able to contribute to the welfare of the community for which I have served and now consider my home," said Peterson. He did not cite the reason of leaving. Some staff said, though, he may depart the island for good.

Child support bill OK'd
The House of Representatives yesterday passed a bill authorizing employers to withhold income of certain employees for child support purposes. The passage prompted applause from women representatives present in yesterday's House session. House Bill 14-22, introduced by Reps. Norman Palacios and Benjamin Seman, aims "to authorize the withholding of income derived in the Commonwealth to enforce support orders, to make all missed support payments, automatic judgments, and to provide for mandatory medical support," among others.

Maharlika

Rules making it harder to obtain OEC in the Philippines

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Filipino workers planning to go on vacation in the Philippines are being encouraged to first obtain their Overseas Employment Certificate or OEC before leaving Saipan—or at least while the Philippine Consulate General office remains open.

This comes after the Philippine Overseas Labor Office recently received and processed requests from vacationing Filipino workers who are already in Manila and are having a hard time securing their OEC.

POLO officer-in-charge Julie Fabian noted that before an OEC is issued to a Filipino worker, he or she must first become a member of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

Here in the Northern Marianas, OWWA membership is available only to Filipino workers who have approved CW-1 petitions from the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service.

OWWA membership costs $25 while the OEC is for $3. Both are valid for one year.

According to Fabian, they have received this week at least three to four requests from vacationing Filipino workers who called them from Manila to seek assistance in the issuance of OEC. These workers did not obtain the document before leaving Saipan.

When obtaining OEC on Saipan, the Filipino worker only has to present the required documents to POLO on the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza. These include a valid passport and a copy of the approved CW-1 petition. The process, Fabian pointed out, only takes a few minutes.

At the POEA office in Manila, applicants are being asked to bring more documents, including a letter addressed to the administrator, said Fabian.

In several instances, applicants are even asked to come back another day or so, such as the case Fabian handled yesterday, in which the affected Filipino worker was asked to return to POEA next week when the worker's return flight to Saipan is already on Monday.

Fabian said the inconvenience in the OEC application process in Manila began in 2005 when the CNMI was placed on the list of Filipino workers' destinations with labor market restrictions.

"With the consulate closing down after Oct. 31, I am concerned that it will be difficult for our Filipino workers to apply for OEC before going to the Philippines since the Guam Consulate, which will take over the responsibilities of the Consulate on island, does not have POLO office," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

But Fabian also said that previous labor attachés have already taken steps to remedy the situation regarding the difficult OEC application process for Filipino workers from the CNMI, saying the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota have been host to thousands of these workers for decades and counting.

She disclosed that she is working on seeking guidelines from POEA to alleviate the OEC application process for Filipino workers in the Commonwealth once the consulate shuts down.

"There's no need for us to put in our recommendations since we regularly submit reports to our Manila offices and they know what's going on here in the Commonwealth," added Fabian.

For more information about the OEC and OWWA membership, visit POLO or call 235-3411.

'Pistang Pinoy' on Sunday will mark 114th Philippine Independence Day

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REPORTER

Filipinos on Saipan are set to mark the 114th Philippine Independence Day on June 10, with celebrations to be hosted by the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan and the United Filipino Organization.

Sunday's events will kick off with a flag-raising ceremony led by female consulate staff. The 7:30am program is particularly significant as it will be the consulate's last Independence Day commemoration in the Commonwealth. The Consulate will close down on Oct. 31.

Consulate officer-in-charge Jose Sto. Domingo said yesterday that it still uncertain if Consul General Medardo Macaraig will be able to make it to the event.

Island officials are also invited to the event as part of the observance of the Northern Mariana Islands – Philippines Friendship Month this June.

The consulate-hosted event will end with guests sharing a breakfast banquet. The staff will then proceed to the Mount Carmel Cathedral for the Mass offering in honor of a momentous occasion for the Philippines as a republic, as requested by Macaraig himself.

Sto. Domingo noted that all religious groups were also asked to offer church services.

The Philippine Independence Day celebration continues at the Civic Center grounds in Susupe where UFO, a network of Filipino organizations in the Commonwealth, will host the 2012 *Pistang Pinoy* to bring fun and enjoyment not just for Filipinos but to the rest of the island community.

Secretary Annamae Adaza said a total of 12 food and 10 non-food vendors will set up shop at the festival grounds for a celebration following the theme, *"Pananagutan ng bayan para sa tuwid na daan."*

Morning activities would commence with the basketball exhibition game between Team MDX and Team DYS, both from the U14 Division.

Live entertainment will be provided to spectators as they wait for the *Panlasang Pinoy* event, which will have an on-the-spot preparation of the delectable Sizzling Jumbo Squid dish while another basketball exhibition game between Team Mariana Resort versus the national team under the U20 division takes place on the side.

Throughout the day, members of the audience can buy raffle tickets for a $1 each for a chance to win exciting prizes such as hotel stays and lunch certificates donated by various corporate sponsors.

But the center of the hype happens at about 7:30pm with the first ever Deal or No Deal, Saipan Pinoy-style. Adaza said a lot of people are already inquiring about how to join the game show.

According to Adaza, 20 names of ticket holders will be drawn to participate in the elimination round by answering multiple-choice questions a la *Pera o Bayong*. From the hopefuls, only one will have the option to choose one of the 24 briefcase ladies for a chance to win the $1,000 prize or get the best deal from the "banker."

The game show will be hosted by Ulysses Sabuco, while Adaza, UFO's Minda Castro, and DJ RV Caberos will take charge throughout the day-long program.

"We invite everyone to join us for our annual Pistang Pinoy event, which promises a lot of fun and entertainment for the entire community," said Adaza.

UFO president Bong Malasarte said setup for Sunday's event will wrap up today.

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Free after care until 6pm
Registration Deadline: June 11, 2012

A minimum of 6 students to open one grade level class and 8 students for a combined level class is required for program to begin.

Sample Schedule	Monday - Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:45	Reading	Journal
9:45 -10:35	Writing	Music
10:35 -10:50	Math	Dance
10:50 -11:35	Recess	Recess
11:35 -12:35	Science	Art
12:35 -1:20	Lunch	Lunch
1:25 -2:10	Social Studies	Crafts
2:10 -2:25	Recess	Recess
2:25 -3:55	P.E./Health/ Field Trip/Art	Hiking/ Snorkeling
3:55 -4:00	Regroup	Regroup
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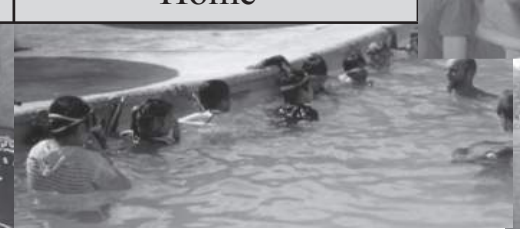

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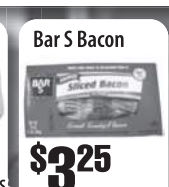

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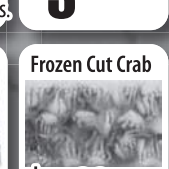

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Philippine leader seeks US assurance on defense

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Philippine president comes to the White House seeking assurance of U.S. military help should the Southeast Asian ally face attack by rising power China over their conflicting maritime claims.

That's an awkward question for the U.S. as it seeks to enhance its Asian alliances without alarming Beijing. Philippine President Benigno Aquino III meets President Barack Obama Friday, against the backdrop of a two-month standoff between Philippine and Chinese vessels at a disputed shoal in the South China Sea.

China's assertive behavior in those waters have served to bolster Manila's 60-year alliance with Washington that thrived during the Cold War but ebbed after nationalist political forces prompted the closure of American military bases in 1992.

Aquino, the son of democracy heroes, has emerged as a willing partner of the U.S. as it looks to build a stronger presence in Southeast Asia, a region neglected during a decade of war in Afghanistan and Iraq. He's won plaudits for combating corruption since winning election two years ago and has revived the impoverished nation's economy. He's sought Washington's help in rebuilding a decrepit military that is in little shape to defend its territorial claims.

Last month, the U.S. handed to the Philippines a second Coast Guard cutter, following the transfer last year of a similar 45-year-old vessel that has since become a flagship in the Philippine navy as the island nation increasingly focuses on its maritime security. Close U.S. ally Japan is also reportedly preparing to supply the Philippines with 10 smaller, new patrol vessels.

In a boost to his standing as a worthy ally, Aquino will meet with Obama at the Oval Office after a State Department luncheon hosted by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. He met with senators Thursday.

In many ways, Aquino's ambitions dovetail with the Obama administration's as it executes its strategic "pivot." The two sides are discussing how to enhance the U.S. military presence in the Philippines, beyond the decadelong counterterrorism training mission in the country's Muslim-minority south that involves hundreds of American troops.

While Manila is amenable to troop rotations, more military exercises and port visits, Philippine officials tell The Associated Press they want Washington to issue a clear public statement that the U.S. would come to the Philippines' defense if it comes under attack, as provided under their mutual defense treaty. Washington has been unwilling to go beyond general pronouncements that it will comply with its obligations under the treaty. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of diplomatic sensitivities.

Aquino

The U.S. needs to get along with China to prevent their strategic rivalry from spiraling into confrontation and would likely balk at a public declaration of the kind the Philippines seeks. In the past week, tensions at the disputed Scarborough Shoal have receded a little, as China and the Philippines withdrew some vessels from a lagoon at the center of the standoff.

Patrick Cronin, director of the Asia-Pacific security program at the Center for a New American Security think tank in Washington, said Aquino is serious about defense modernization, but the U.S. and the Philippines need a measured approach in building the Philippines' military capacity and in deterring Chinese coercion.

The U.S. has already sent strong messages in recent weeks about its determination to be viewed as a Pacific power.

Last month saw a rare stop by a U.S. submarine at Subic Bay, location of a former American naval base that faces the South China Sea. And in the past week, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta visited emerging strategic ally India and Vietnam—another South China Sea claimant at odds with China and forging closer relations with the United States. Panetta announced that 60 percent of the Navy's fleet will be deployed to the Pacific by 2020, up from about 50 percent now.

One irritant in U.S.-Philippine ties is human rights. The Philippines wants Washington to lift a block on a small portion of U.S. aid imposed by Congress since 2008 because of concerns over extrajudicial killings, including by security forces. The killings have declined under Aquino, but the restriction remains as few suspected perpetrators have been arrested or prosecuted.

Human Rights Watch said that in the past decade, security forces have been implicated in hundreds of cases of extrajudicial killings, torture, and enforced disappearances. Only seven cases of extrajudicial killings, involving 11 defendants, have been successfully prosecuted; none since Aquino took power and none involving active duty military personnel, it said.

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PROJECT BRABU

Public Service Announcement - Availability of Federal Funds

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention Unit - Project Brabu is pleased to announce the availability of federal funds, through the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) for eligible communities in the CNMI to apply. This project is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Details of the grant and funds available are listed below.

I. Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG): FY2012 $400,000

The planning and implementation of this grant award will focus on four primary goals:

1.) Build Prevention Capacity and Infrastructure in the CNMI
2.) Prevent the Initiation of and Reduce Substance Abuse, Including Childhood and Underage Drinking
3.) Reduce Substance Abuse-related Problems
4.) Evaluate All Activities

The SPF SIG provides awarded communities with the opportunity to build and/or strengthen an effective and sustainable evidence-based prevention program that is responsive to the needs of the CNMI community. Community programs are required to implement evidence-based prevention programs focused on the following priorities that have been determined by Project Brabu and the State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW):

1) Underage Drinking, and/or
2) Drinking and Driving

This grant award requires a **Strategic Prevention Framework** to help guide communities toward successful program management process following the five steps below:

1) Assessment: Accurately assess community problems, assets, and resources;
2) Capacity: Describe current capacity and/or plans to build capacity;
3) Planning: Develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan;
4) Implement: Identify the evidence-based program, policy, or practice to be implemented;
5) Evaluate: Process and impact evaluation through monitoring and documentation of program implementation.

The Project Brabu Advisory Council will make the final approval in consultation and collaboration with the SPF SIG Project Director on applications to be awarded based on a point system. The grant application guidelines detail the information required and the points under each of the sections.

All completed applications must be submitted to the CHCC: DPH Project Brabu's office on Saipan and the Prevention Coordinators on Tinian and Rota no later than 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012.

Sub-Grant Application forms and guidelines may be obtained at the Project Brabu Office at the CHCC: DPH or the Substance Abuse Prevention offices on Rota and Tinian. Also, the application form and guidelines are available online at www.cgcspn.net. (under the Public Health Central link, Project Brabu 2012) For more information, please contact Ms. Tiara Evangelista at 236-8740 or ti.evangelista@gmail.com (Saipan); Mr. Keith Nabors, Prevention Coordinator (Tinian) at 433-6572 or tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com; or Ms. Avery Hocog, Prevention Coordinator (Rota) at 532-9461 or projectbraburota@yahoo.com.

Pre application workshops are scheduled as follows:

- June 13 (Saipan), TBD
- June 14 (Tinian), TBD
- June 15 (Rota), TBD

These workshops will provide on-site technical assistance in discussing the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) 5-step process, the sub grant components and requirements. The workshops are available to interested community members/agencies and are free of charge.

/s/ Mr. Claudio Norita
Chairman, Advisory Council

/s/ Mrs. Reyna Saures
SPF SIG Project Director

PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

Gunmen in Philippines strafe bus, killing 4 people

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Police say gunmen in the volatile southern Philippines opened fire on a packed minibus this week, killing four people and wounding another two. The attackers began shooting as the vehicle approached Parang town on Jolo Island early Tuesday. The area is a stronghold of al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf rebels notorious for bomb attacks and kidnappings that have terrorized the region for more than two decades. Regional Police Director Mario Avenido said Thursday the driver, an army corporal, a 90-year-old woman and a 28-year-old civilian were killed in the attack. A military report said this week that the militants have launched more attacks in the last four years despite U.S.-backed offensives because authorities failed to isolate them from supporters.

Bells in US sensitive in US-Philippine relations

CHEYENNE, Wyoming (AP)—Military veterans are speaking up on the possibility that the U.S. might repatriate three church bells seized as war booty from the Philippines more than a century ago. Their opinion? Don't even think about it. Two of the three Bells of Balangiga are displayed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne. They're part of a memorial to 46 U.S. troops killed by Filipino insurgents in 1901. A third bell is with a U.S. Army regiment in South Korea. Filipinos revere the bells as symbols of their long struggle for independence. The bells gave the signal for insurgents to attack the U.S. troops occupying Balangiga. New discussion about repatriating the bells has prompted Wyoming's governor and congressional representatives to tell the Obama administration keep the bells where they are.

Philippine Congress OKs bill vs. terror financiers

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine Congress approved a bill Wednesday that makes terror financing a crime with a long prison term in a Southeast Asian nation that has long been roiled by bombings and kidnappings by extremists. Financiers of terrorism were previously treated as mere accomplices, but the bill considers them as key players in terrorism. Aside from a 40-year prison term, convicted offenders will be fined up to 1 million pesos ($23,255), according to a copy of the bill. It also empowers the government's Anti-Money Laundering Council to examine assets and bank accounts of suspected financiers of known terrorists and extremist groups even without a court order, Sen. Teofisto Guingona III said.

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Colgate gel Xtreme red $1.89 150ml

Bao Bao biscuit $1.39

Frosted Flakes $3.39 14oz $3.99 17oz

Best food mayonnaise $3.39 15oz

Friday

Royal spaghetti $1.39 450g

Palmolive naturals $1.89

Asahi 本生 $18.99 case

Heineken beer $25.99 case

Colgate Maximum protection $1.89

Best food mayonnaise $1.99 8 oz

Saturday

Kirkland soymilk plain/vanilla $1.89

Kool-Aid tropical punch $8.99 2.5oz

Vega shrimps $5.75 box

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Sliced bacon $3.19 box

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Spain's ailing banks threaten country's finances

MADRID (AP)—Spain is under rising pressure to find a lifeline for its deeply troubled banks.

Politicians in Europe and investors around the world are worried that the recession-hit country can't come up with the money needed to save its banks without bankrupting the government. Expectations are rising that Spain's leaders will have to seek an international bailout for banks crumbling under the weight of bad real estate loans.

As Spain's leaders struggle for a solution to their banking crisis, the country's borrowing costs have soared close to the level that forced the governments of Greece, Portugal and Ireland to seek financial rescues.

As much as (EURO)100 billion ($126 billion) may be needed to bolster Spanish banks, the credit rating agency Fitch said Thursday. Fitch, which had previously said (EURO)30 billion was needed, downgraded the country's debt rating to two notches above junk and warned that further downgrades were possible.

Spain sold (EURO)2 billion ($2.52 billion) in bonds Thursday, but had to pay investors much higher rates than in previous bond sales. There is a growing sense that time is running out for Spain's government and banks to continue muddling through.

The bond sale came after Spain's economy minister traveled Wednesday to Brussels to huddle with key decision makers in the capital of the European Union.

And on Thursday, Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy hosted his counterpart from the Netherlands, one of the 17 countries that uses the euro that would have to approve outside help if Spain can't save its banks on its own.

Rajoy said this week that Europe "needs to support those that are in difficulty."

Here are some questions and answers about Spain's banking crisis:

WHY DO SPANISH BANKS NEED A BAILOUT?

Spain's financial problems are not due to Greek-style government over-spending. The country's banks got caught up in the collapse of a real estate bubble.

Spain's banks, particularly its savings banks or "cajas," have enormous amounts of bad loans. And as the second recession in three years hits Spain, the number of bad loans is expected to surge. Spain's unemployment has risen to nearly 25 percent, making it increasingly difficult for many Spaniards to pay their mortgages.

The country's central bank, the Bank of Spain, says banks are still burdened with about (EURO)175 billion ($220 billion) in "problematic" real estate holdings, including loans and repossessed homes.

Spain's government debt stood at a relatively low 68.5 percent of its gross domestic product at the end of 2011. It is predicted to hit 78 percent by the end of the year. But even that higher figure would still be below the 2011 debt-to-GDP ratios of countries like Italy, Belgium, France and even Germany.

Bernanke signals no imminent steps to aid economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Slumping job growth has alarmed some economists who fear the U.S. economy is in trouble.

Ben Bernanke doesn't appear to be one of them.

The Federal Reserve chief sketched a hopeful outlook in testimony to a congressional panel Thursday and sent no signals that the Fed will take further steps soon to aid the economy.

Bernanke acknowledged that Europe's debt crisis poses risks to the U.S. financial markets. He also noted that U.S. unemployment remains high at 8.2 percent. And he said the Fed is prepared to take steps to boost the U.S. economy if it weakens.

But he said Fed officials still need to study the most recent economic trends, including job growth. For now, Bernanke said he foresees moderate growth this year.

He said he's mindful that all that could change, if Europe's crisis quickly worsened or U.S. job growth stalled.

"As always, the Federal Reserve remains prepared to take action as needed to protect the U.S. financial system and economy in the event that financial stresses escalate," he told the Joint Economic Committee.

The Fed could buy more bonds to try to further reduce long-term interest rates, which might encourage more borrowing and spending. Or it could extend its plan to keep short-term rates near zero beyond late 2014 until an even later date.

But most economists don't expect a major announcement at the Fed's next policy meeting June 19-20, despite signals this week from some other Fed members in favor of considering further action.

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Top lawmakers declare war on intelligence leaks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Leaders of the Senate and House intelligence committees said Thursday they were drafting legislation to further limit who can access highly classified information and possibly impose new penalties for revealing it. The head of the House intelligence committee said he will investigate recent leaks, but the CIA and the Justice Department national security division said they would not cooperate. The action comes after recent leaks of sensitive information about the covert drone and cyber wars against terrorism. "There has been just a cascade of leaks coming out of the intelligence community in the last several weeks and months," the vice chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., told reporters. "It's our clear intention to put a stop to this."

Kansas family killed in plane crash in Fla. Swamp

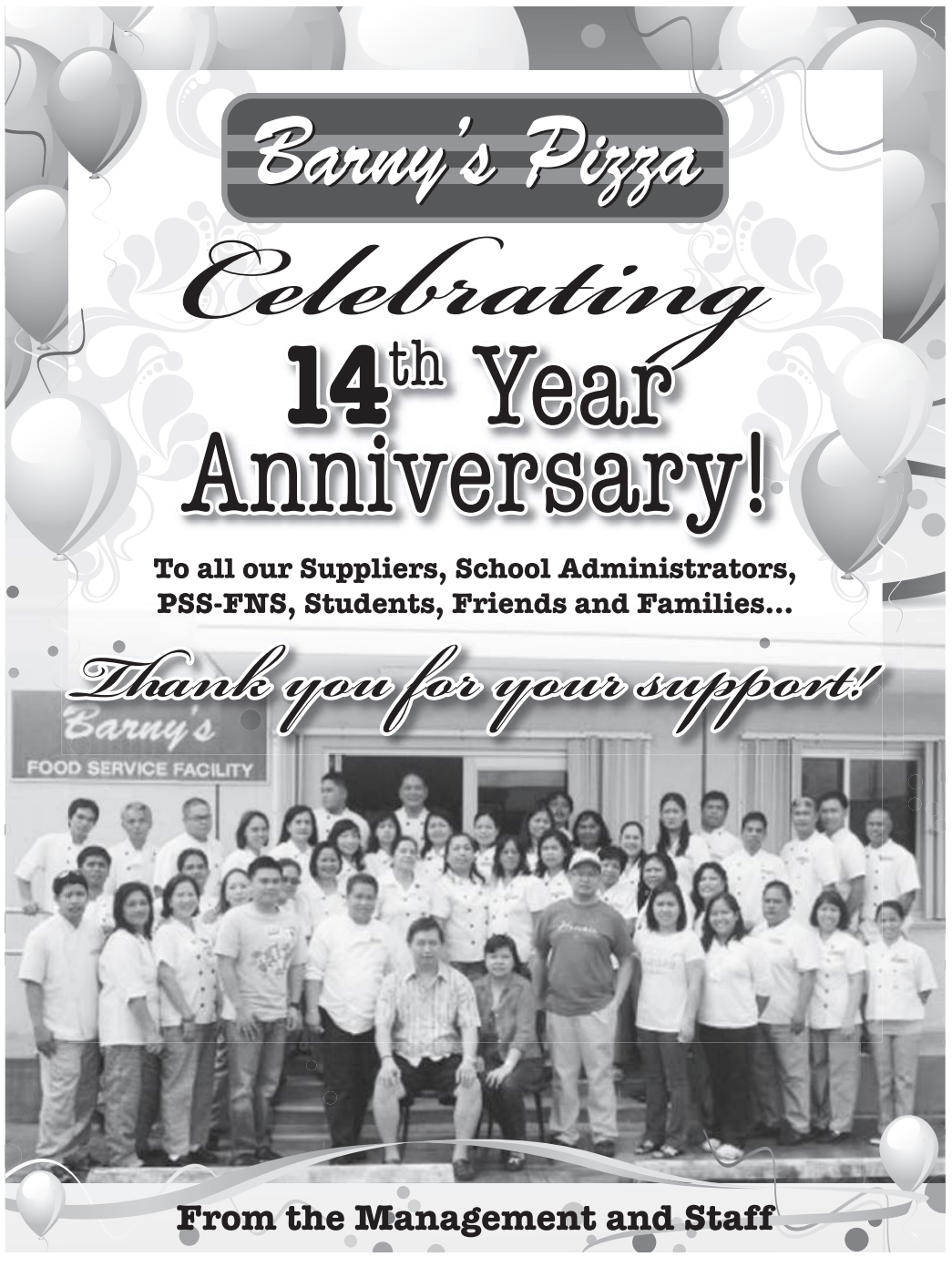
JUNCTION CITY, Kan. (AP)—A Kansas businessman, his wife and their four children were killed Thursday when their small plane crashed into a swampy area of central Florida, and word quickly spread to their hometown where the family was known for their charitable work and always having a house full of neighborhood kids. The single-turboprop, fixed-wing plane was heading home to Junction City from the Bahamas when it broke apart and went down about 12:30 p.m. in the Tiger Creek Preserve, according to the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Florida. The cause of the crash wasn't immediately known, and parts of the plane were found nearly 3 1/2 miles away, investigators said.

Romney and GOP raise more than Obama and Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mitt Romney outraised President Barack Obama in May, the first time the Republican presidential challenger has jumped ahead of Obama and his prodigious fundraising apparatus. The numbers illustrate how Romney and the Republican Party have jelled as a force after a protracted GOP primary. Romney and his party raised more than $76 million last month, the campaign said Thursday. Obama's campaign reported that it and the Democratic Party raised $60 million for the month. Obama, forced onto the defensive by lackluster employment numbers, also launched a new television ad Thursday in nine key election-year states targeting Congress and blaming lawmakers for not acting on his jobs proposals. The approach represents an expanded ad focus for Obama, who had been going after Romney.

Accusers to be unmasked at Penn State trial

The young men who accuse former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky of molesting them have been allowed to remain anonymous through months of intense news coverage and water-cooler conversation about the scandal. That's about to change. When they take the witness stand in a packed Pennsylvania courtroom as early as next week, the alleged victims will be forced to state their names for the record - traumatizing them all over again, their lawyers and victims' advocates argue, especially given the very real possibility their identities will become common knowledge via social media and the wider Internet. Most traditional media organizations, including The Associated Press, have longstanding policies against using the names of alleged victims of sexual assault. But in this anything-goes age of social media and citizen journalists, old media standards may no longer make much difference. ***(AP)***



World

Annan blames Syria for peace plan failure

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—International envoy Kofi Annan blamed the failure of his peace plan primarily on the Syrian government Thursday and told the divided U.N. Security Council there must be "consequences" for those obstructing efforts to end the conflict.

Annan spoke amid more signs that diplomatic efforts to restore peace are floundering: U.N. observers came under fire Thursday as they tried to reach the site of the latest reported mass killing in Syria—about 80 people, including women and children who were shot or stabbed.

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BEIRUT (AP)—U.N. observers came under fire Thursday as they tried to reach the site of the latest reported mass killing in Syria—about 80 people, including women and children who were shot or stabbed. The deaths added urgency to diplomatic efforts to end the escalating bloodshed.

As reports emerged of what would be the fourth such mass slaying of civilians in Syria in the last two weeks, the United States condemned President Bashar Assad, saying he has "doubled down on his brutality and duplicity."

International envoy Kofi Annan, whose peace plan brokered in April has not been implemented, warned against allowing "mass killings to become part of everyday reality in Syria."

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Annan said the time had come to step up the pressure to keep the violence from spiraling out of control. He urged the council to make clear that there will be "consequences"—usually a code words for sanctions—if his six-point peace plan is not fully implemented.

"Clearly, the time has come to determine what more can be done to secure implementation of the plan," Annan said. "We must also chart a clearer course for a peaceful transition, if we are to help the government and opposition, as well as Syrian society, to help resolve the crisis."

The U.S. and its European allies have tried unsuccessfully for months to threaten sanctions against Syria as the death toll has risen. But Russia and China, Syria's main allies, vetoed two Security Council resolutions that threatened possible sanctions, and they indicated their continuing opposition in a joint statement after a summit in Beijing on Wednesday. The statement also opposed any outside military interference or forceful imposition of "regime change" in Syria.

Annan confirmed for the first time that Syria is not implementing his peace plan. He urged the council and the rest of the international community to unite and act immediately to intensify pressure, especially on President Bashar Assad's government.

Surveillance ends at blind China activist village

BEIJING (AP)—Suddenly the guard posts came down and the hired toughs who manned them melted away, restoring an air of freedom this week to a village that authorities turned into a prison to keep blind activist Chen Guangcheng under house arrest for nearly two years.

The checkpoints, surveillance cameras and other measures had remained in place even though Chen fled Dongshigu village six weeks ago for sanctuary at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and ultimately went to New York to study. While directed at Chen, the security restrictions made life uncomfortable for his fellow villagers, who felt liberated with their removal.

"Finally we can sleep at night," said a villager who only gave her family name, Du, because the return to normalcy still felt uncertain. "In the past you could always hear footsteps from patrolmen and car noises at night, and the dogs barked."

"You no longer need to stop at checkpoints when you leave or enter the village. You can now walk down the road," said Du, a mother in her 20s who also farms. "I feel more at ease and happier."

So thorough was the cleanup this past weekend that locals said the surveillance cameras trained on Chen home had been removed and the high voltage street lamps dimmed. Two adjoining huts built at the village's entrance to house the guards—and where outsiders trying to visit Chen had been beaten—had been torn down. Even the trash they piled up had been taken away.

"It was as if the whole thing evaporated," said Chen's older brother, Chen Guangfu, who lives in the village with several others in the Chen family. "I feel liberated."

WORLD BRIEFS

Panetta: Patience with Pakistan 'reaching limits'

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The United States stepped up pressure on Pakistan Thursday as Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said "we are reaching the limits of our patience" with a nominal ally that continues to provide a safe haven to al-Qaida-linked militants. It was the latest sign that the U.S. is now getting tougher with Pakistan after years of muting criticism and looking the other way on the premise that an uneasy friendship was better than making the nuclear-armed country an outright enemy. As U.S. forces draw down in neighboring Afghanistan, the Americans appear to be pushing Pakistan harder than ever before to squeeze insurgents who find sanctuary within its borders.

Helicopter missing in Peru with 13 foreigners

LIMA, Peru (AP)—A helicopter carrying 14 passengers, most of them from South Korea, was missing in Peru's highland and snowfall was impeding efforts to reach the rugged terrain where the aircraft's emergency beacon indicated it was located, authorities said Thursday. The last communication with the helicopter owned by Cuzco-based Helicusco was late Wednesday afternoon as it headed for Cuzco from the town of Mazuco in neighboring Madre de Dios state, said police Gen. Hector Dulanto. The helicopter was carrying 11 South Koreans, two Austrians and a Peruvian passenger in addition to an undetermined number of crewmembers, he said.

Yemen: 23 al-Qaida militants killed in south

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Yemeni officials say at least 23 al-Qaida-linked militants have been killed in fighting in the country's south. The confrontations come during Yemen's campaign to retake parts of the south from al-Qaida following a year of internal turmoil. Military officials say al-Qaida militants tried to storm a small town north of the group's stronghold of Jaar in Abyan province on Thursday. Armed civilians along with soldiers backed by artillery fought off the al-Qaida militants, officials said. At least 20 were killed in the battle.

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YoungStyle

AP

In this May 25, 2012 photo, a coach waves a towel before a young boxer in between rounds of a street boxing match in Caracas, Venezuela.

Youth boxing hits the streets in Venezuela program

By JORGE RUEDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)— Migadalia Flores was worried about raising her 13-year-old son in a poor Caracas neighborhood where teenage boys often drift into crime.

So she sent him to fight.

Her son, Miguel Uzcategui, is now a standout among the youths who line up with their gloves every weekend to slug it out in a boxing ring that is moved around Caracas from parks to plazas to streets in the slums.

They're participating in a program supported by the Venezuelan government that aims not only to develop stellar fighters and expand the sport's reach but also to give poor adolescents an alternative to crime, alcohol and drugs.

Boys start as young as 8 compete in the outdoor matches, joining older boys as well as some teenage girls in the weekend competitions, where renowned Venezuelan coaches give them pointers.

Miguel said the sport has given him goals and improved self-confidence. Dozens of boxing medals hang on the wall of the family home. "Boxing has helped me a lot. I'm stronger," he said.

Flores, a hairdresser, said she thinks boxing is giving is teaching Miguel discipline and will help keep him in school. She said she hopes the sport will lead to scholarships for her son's high school and university studies.

Similar boxing programs exist in other countries, but organizers say the Venezuela matches have been held more consistently than in many places. Since 2009, young boxers have participated in more than 3,000 fights in outdoor rings, sometimes even fighting in the rain.

"Our mission is to pull the kids out of the clutches of crime, teach them values along with discipline," said Williams Gonzalez, who helped start the program in 2009 and is president of the Caracas Boxing Association.

The government's Sports Ministry provides financial support, and organizers say one of the long-term goals is to bring the country another Olympic medal. Boxing has long been popular in Venezuela, accounting for five of the country's 11 Olympic medals to date. But the last came in 1984, when Omar Catari won a featherweight bronze.

The country's fighters are expected to face long odds at the London Games this year. The three who qualified include Gabriel Maestre and Jose Alexander Espinoza, as well as Karlha Magliocco, the first Venezuelan woman boxer to reach the Olympics.

Some of the young boxers who compete in the weekend matches say they hope one day to join them.

"In about 120 fights, I've had 14 losses. All the rest I've won," said Ronnis Hidalgo, a 14-year-old who is a national champ in his age group and who receives a monthly scholarship of about $460 through the program.

Hidalgo said boxing helps him stay away from the gangs and frequent shootings that terrorize many in his neighborhood.

Cristian Lopez, 11, said there are no soccer fields or baseball diamonds near his home in the crowded slum of La Vega, making boxing a convenient option. "It has kept me away from problems and it doesn't cost much. I can practice it in any alleyway, in the living room of my house," Lopez said.

One coach who encourages the young athletes is Jesus "Kiki" Rojas, a former flyweight and super flyweight World Boxing Association champion. He said it's rewarding to help youngsters who otherwise could slide into trouble.

"Every time a kid ends up in our hands who has behavior problems, who's doing poorly in school, and later you see that he becomes disciplined, that he manages to get ahead, it's one of the most beautiful experiences," Rojas said.

Cuban boxing coach Jorge Garcia also helps train the boxers under an agreement between the Venezuelan and Cuban governments. He said the weekend matches are helping fighters improve and that the country can still do more to develop its teaching programs.

"I see a big future for Venezuelan boxing," Garcia said. "These matches promote boxing in Venezuela a lot, which is what's needed. The talent is there."

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EMILIA VILLAGOMEZ CAMACHO, Deceased,) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 11-0242-CV) **NOTICE OF MOTION/ HEARING ON MOTION**

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HER ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Movant, Juan A. Camacho, has filed a Motion to Re-open Probate in the above-entitled action.

A HEARING on the Motion to Re-open Probate will be conducted by the Court on June 19, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 202A CNMI Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order reopening the Estate and appointing Juan A. Camacho, as Administrator thereof should not be made.

Dated April 25, 2012.

/s/ Clerk of Court

2012-2016 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Council on Developmental Disabilities

State Plan Amendments Available for Public Comment

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities (CNMI CDD) is seeking public comments on it amendment to FY 2012-2016 State Plan. The CNMI CDD's mission focuses on advocacy for inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life. This helps promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration in all facets of community life, through culturally competent programs. The Council receives funding to carry out its mission from the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Developmental Disabilities under the provisions of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance & Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (PL 106-402). The purpose of the Act is to make sure people with developmental disabilities and their families take part in the design of and have access to needed community services, supports and other forms of assistance.

Your comments are important to the work of the Council. Please submit your commits by **July 23, 2012** using one of the following options:

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If you require alternative formats of the state plan amendments, please contact Elizabeth (Lillian) S. Ada at (670) 664-7000/1, email: eada.cnmicdd@gmail.com

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DRAFT

Step 1: Collaborate with Guam about various components of the CNMI plan
Step 2: CNMI BOLD group will meet back home to review plans and identify next steps by end of April.

GOAL #1 : Form additional self advocacy groups (in CNMI).
How? What needs to happen? Next Steps: resources, supports, overcome barriers
Who? Who will do this? Partners & Individuals
When? Timeline

What needs to happen? Plan and call a meeting of self advocates to identify other self advocates who would want to form a self-advocacy group. This group will help plan summer camp in Goal 2.

Who will do this? Self advocates will develop an invitation letter with support from the DD Network who will work together to organize the meeting. Invite stakeholders, coalition, self-advocates and Guam

Timeline: May to June 2012

What needs to happen? Get self advocates together. Self advocates will take the lead, in starting a self advocacy organization with support of the DD partners and coalition members and in collaboration with Guam team.

Who will do this? a) Ask current self advocates to identify other self advocates who would want to participate. b) Have self advocates speak at high schools about self advocacy and about joining a self advocacy group.

Timeline: October 2012

What needs to happen? Send out information about the meeting to provide information and awareness – purpose will be to form group and to help develop the new Summer Camp. The meeting will be fun and include items to give away at the event. Use Larissa Reyes' poem when possible – to describe what self advocacy is about. Encourage others to be strong.

Who will do this? Autism Society of the CNMI (ASCNMI) to make a flyer. b. Talks at school about self-determination, the meeting and the summer camp by self-advocates. c. Have self advocates give radio and TV spots about self advocacy and upcoming meeting and camp. d. Hold meetings.

Timeline: April 2012 through July 2013

What needs to happen? Develop a Summer Camp for self advocates: one on each of the three islands of CNMI.

What needs to happen? Identify an accessible location – one on each island

Who will do this? Coalition lead by three team captains will work with non-profits and stakeholders to identify camp location.

Timeline: July 2012 to February 2013

What needs to happen? Meeting with all interested stakeholders.

Who will do this? With support from DD Network: Team captains – one from each island; develop a coalition. Representatives from Saipan: Office of Autism Society (ASCNMI): will take the lead to coordinate the meetings. Tinian Coalition organization and Rota Coalition will take the lead on their island. Consideration for stakeholders, CNMI Independent Living Group (ILG), Non-profit groups, faith based organizations.

Timeline: May to June 2012

What needs to happen? Marketing Plan: To prepare public for the event so they will be willing to participate/volunteer. Explain why it is important. Do a press release inviting people to attend.

Who will do this? Form joint committee – ADD Summit group, religious groups (explore participation), non-profits

Timeline: August 2012

What needs to happen? Funding

Who will do this? DD Network – committed to provide support. ASCNMI will take lead to solicit funding.

Timeline: Include in budgets for FY 2013 by end of August 2012

What needs to happen? Personnel/staffing for the camp

Who will do this? DD Network, non-profits, Volunteers, Coalition

Timeline: May 2013

GOAL #3: Make CNMI more ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) friendly

What needs to happen? Encourage self advocates to raise accessibility issues. 1) Educate self Advocates about their rights. 2) Educate the community about self advocates accessibility needs.

Who will do this? DD Network, Self-Advocates & Coalition Members

Timeline: April 2012 Autism Awareness thru Self Advocate meetings and summer camps throughout 2012/2013

What needs to happen? Build advocacy for increased/improved accessibility of businesses, school and government building. Increase monitoring and enforcement of regulations.

Who will do this? Coalition with self-advocates; identify unmet needs that require legislation.

Timeline: September 2012 thru end of Summer 2013

What needs to happen? Public Awareness – Public Campaign: Information about the new Public Laws. Work with Chamber of Commerce and get them involved. Inform them about the benefits of having accessible businesses and work environments.

Who will do this? Awareness activity during the awareness months throughout the year. DD Network in collaboration with Public School System and other stakeholders to develop training. Self advocates will establish a website that will publically announce the businesses that are not accessible and rate accessibility of businesses.

Timeline: October 2012, March 2013, April 2013, May 2013 to July 2013

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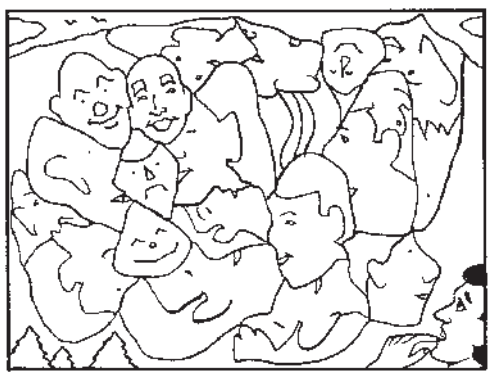
Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



HEADS UP! How many heads of assorted shapes and sizes are apparent above — 15, 17, 19? Turn diagram every which way to find them.

YAK-YAK WITH NO-NOS, BOO-BOOS, ETC.

LET'S see how many twin-word terms you can identify below. That is to say, terms like CANCAN (No. 1), TOM-TOM (No. 2), etc.

1. French dance
2. Indian drum
3. Small hurt
4. Extinct bird
5. Ballet skirt
6. Latin dance
7. Hawaiian dress
8. Disco step
9. Steam train
10. Mom or dad
11. Taboo object
12. Humdinger
13. Toddler's meal
14. Up-down toy
15. Tasty treat

1. Cancan. 2. Tom-tom. 3. Boo-boo. 4. Dodo. 5. Tutu. 6. Cha-cha. 7. Muumuu. 8. Go-go. 9. Choo-choo. 10. Mama or papa. 11. No-no. 12. Luau. 13. Din-din. 14. Yo-yo. 15. Bonbon.

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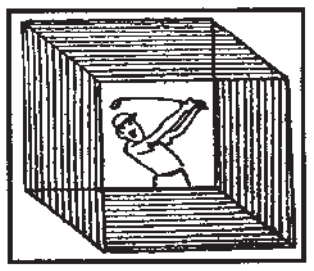
FLYING COLORS! Insert a color to complete the name of each bird: 1. — jay. 2. — start. 3. — thrasher. 4. — tanager. 5. — martin. How quickly can you answer?

1. Blue. 2. Red. 3. Brown. 4. Scarlet. 5. Purple.

BOXED IN! Question: Is our golfer pal standing at the rear of the box at right and driving from left to right? Or is he at the bottom of the box and driving upwards?

At first glance, perhaps, you will not see anything unusual about the drawing, but gaze steadily, then blink your eyes, and see what happens.

By design, the figure appears to face one way, then shifts to face another way. It's an optical illusion, of course, that fools you.



Do pets really need vaccinations?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: A friend of mine told me that annual vaccinations for my cat and two dogs were unnecessary and a total scam. He said I only have to vaccinate them every three years and that veterinarians are just part of a big racket. What do you think? – Janine H., Knoxville, Tenn.

DEAR JANINE: I think you should talk to your pets' veterinarian before making a decision that could negatively affect their health, and maybe yours.

Vaccinations don't just protect pets against rabies. They also receive vaccinations, particularly as puppies and kittens, for distemper, feline leukemia, parvovirus and a number of other serious and potentially fatal diseases.

There are diseases that can also pass between pets and humans, and vaccinations can prevent them.

"Pets can easily contract Giardia and Leptospirosis from standing water or damp grass," said Dr. Meg Connelly of the Willard Veterinary Clinic in Quincy, Mass. "Many dogs love swimming in water, sniffing around in the mud or rolling in the wet grass. Unfortunately, without immunization protection, these pets are at risk for contracting a serious or even fatal illness that can easily be spread to humans."

Keeping shots up to date is one of though they seem pricey up front, they are nothing compared to the cost of medical care if a pet should become ill from a disease it could have been vaccinated against.

Again, talk to your pets' vet about which shots they need regularly and when they need to get them. If cost is a factor, many cities and towns sponsor low- or no-cost vaccination clinics that will get pets up to date with their shots for a reasonable price.

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Send your questions or tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By SAMANTHA WEAVER

■ It is still not known who made the following sage observation: "Never attribute to malice what can be adequately explained by stupidity."

■ If you are an aficionado of the word game Scrabble, you probably know that there are only five words that can be played using a q but no u. In case you're not in the know, those words are "faqir," "qaid, " "qoph, " "qindar" and "qintar. "

■ In 1774, surveyors in Maryland marked off a parcel of land by mistake. The error was immortalized when the town that grew up on that land adopted the name Accident.

■ The English word "mistletoe" comes from an Anglo-Saxon phrase that means "dung on a twig." It seems that the branches where mistletoe is often found have white splotches on them, which some say resemble bird droppings.

■ The martial art that is known today as karate actually originated in India and spread to China before becoming popular in 17th-century Japan, where it was dubbed karate, which means "empty hand" in Japanese.

■ These days you'll rarely see an elected official with a beard, but facial hair wasn't always considered to be a liability in politics. In fact, it's been reported that Abraham Lincoln was inspired to grow a beard while he was running for president in 1860 because of a letter from an 11-year-old girl. Grace Bedell wrote to Lincoln that a beard would make him "look a great deal better, for your face is so thin. All the ladies like whiskers."

■ When the United States bought Alaska from Russia in 1867, the going price was 2 cents an acre.

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Thought for the Day: "Nothing gives an author so much pleasure as to find his works quoted by other learned authors." — Benjamin Franklin

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MAGIC MAZE ● ALL WORDS

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P N L J H G U A L F F E L T C
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Q P N O E O M K J S E I H C F
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

All-star, All-time, Allegro, Allergic, All good, Allied, Allow, Alloy, Allspice, Allure, Carryall, Catchall, Mall, Pitfall, Small

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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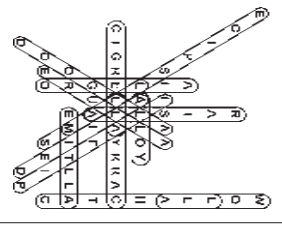

GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Party favors hide dinosaurs inside

Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Every preschooler I know loves outdoor summer fun, birthday parties and anything to do with dinosaurs. Put that combination together, and it's likely that a dinosaur-themed party will be somewhere in your parenting repertoire during the early years. So save this recipe and use it when it's time to create sandy triceratops party favors. These surprises inspired by another place in time are something the kids will never forget.

If there are older kids in the family who have already earned their degree in the dino phase, let them get their hands in the mix and help you prepare this sand-goop recipe to make triceratops party favors for their younger brother's or sister's party. Once this sand clay is off the stove and has cooled (yes, you'll be cooking sand!), mold it around plastic eggs containing little plastic or rubber dinosaurs. If you don't have plastic eggs, mold the sand clay around the toys to form a ball. Anyway you do it, let them dry a few days until hard.

On the day of your party, pass one out to each child, or hide them in your yard for guests to find in a treasure hunt. Invite them all to follow you to the sidewalk. Tell them to tap-tap-tap their eggs against the concrete. The eggs will break after a few tentative hits, and voila! Your party guests have just hatched a slew of baby dinos into the world! Perfect for a "birthday" favor.

SAND CLAY RECIPE

Put 1 cup clean sand, 1/2 cup cornstarch, 1 1/2 teaspoons powdered alum (in the spice section of your market) and 1/2 cup water in an old cooking pot. Stir with hands or a spoon. An adult should then place the pot on the stove, turn heat to medium and continue stirring with a spoon.

As it becomes warm, it will begin to liquefy. Continue to stir for 2-3 minutes until clay thickens. Remove from heat and spoon mixture onto cutting board. Let cool.

Make above-mentioned party-favor eggs or enjoy molding the clay into shapes and characters. There are probably as many ideas as there are grains of sand between your fingers!

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Good Housekeeping

Lap pools and hot tubs offer fitness, relaxation

By FELICIA FEASTER
THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

ATLANTA—While a full-size swimming pool is lovely if you have the space and the money, there are plenty of other water features that will help you soak tired muscles, cool off and stay in shape.

Compact, space-conserving hot tubs, lap pools and swim spas have expanded aquatic options for homeowners.

Whether your hot tub or swim spa is placed inside or outside, architects and retailers recommend that you treat a water feature not just as an experience to enhance your quality of life, but as a design element within your home. Consider your view from the water, privacy, when you will be most likely to use it, sun angle and maintenance.

HOT TUB TIPS

■ Check local codes to see how to keep your hot tub or pool safe. Most areas require at least a 5-foot fence surrounding the pool. Locking safety covers also can help. "Covers have improved considerably," said Moon Bros. co-owner and architect Mark Fosner. Many covers are now placed down at the water level and disappear into a vault when not in use, to make them less obtrusive, and can support substantial weight if someone accidentally steps onto the tub cover.

■ When placing a hot tub inside a home, "you have to control the humidity," most often with a permanent dehumidifier.—Mark Fosner

■ Adam Burke prefers not to recess hot tubs to prevent accidental falls into the hot tub and to make the tub mechanics easier to access. And when it comes time to sell, "If you don't sink them into the deck, they're a bargaining chip, because you can actually take them away."—Adam Burke, owner, Atlanta Spa & Leisure

■ Make sure that your deck or foundation can support the combined weight of the tub, water and occupants, Burke said. That extends to any retaining walls built to support a tub or pool. "The classic mistake is people put it in a pretty steep site and they don't do their retaining wall correctly," Fosner said.

■ Some hot tubs feature built-in LED lights at the base of the tub to light your way to the tub, Burke said. Also, consider how lighting can affect things like the view of the stars overhead, Fosner said.

■ To create a spa experience, families often will combine hot tubs and plunge pools to offer hot soaks followed by a bracing cold plunge.

■ "The general rule of thumb is make it convenient," Fosner advised. By placing one hot tub in a Marietta home within a master suite, Moon Bros. provided the homeowners with easy access. "They use it all the time. They just step right down and get in the tub."

Plan now for emergencies

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

Q: I wanted to write and remind your readers to have a plan in place in case of natural disasters. I live in a hurricane-prone area, so I keep what I call a "hurricane kit" ready at all times. It's stocked with first-aid supplies, food, water and other items that I can grab and throw into the car in case my family needs to evacuate. I also know the location of important papers so I can grab those, too. And I reserved a corner of my garage to store post-hurricane supplies like tarps, a generator and basic tools. I learned to do all this several years ago when a Category 3 hurricane passed through my town, but not until after the storm. Now I'm prepared before the storm.—Curtis F., Orlando

A: Thanks for reminding us all, Curtis! Organization is key to surviving during and after a natural disaster, fire or other calamity. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

■ Prepare your family for the most likely scenario depending on your geographic location: hurricane, tornado, blizzard, wildfire, flood or other event.

■ Learn about and prepare for household emergencies, including fire, a gas leak, carbon monoxide leak, etc.

■ Create an escape plan and rehearse it with your family.

■ Create an evacuation kit that includes important papers, food, water, first aid, blankets and other essential items.

■ Include pets in your plans! Add pet food and medicines to your evacuation kit, along with a copy of their vaccination record and license. And keep their carry crate accessible.

■ If you must shelter in place during a disaster, designate your home's safe spot (basement, central room, closet or bathtub, for example), and make sure everyone knows to get there quickly.

■ Create a post-disaster supply stash that includes several tarps (to cover damaged roof areas or create temporary shelter), a generator, canned foods, water and first aid, and store in a reinforced area if possible. Store gasoline away from the house at all times.

home tip

HOME TIP: The University of Missouri offers a free disaster plan template. Download it here: http://extension.missouri.edu/p/EMW1011

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DRAFT EIS FOR DIVERT ACTIVITIES AND EXERCISES, GUAM AND COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

The U.S. Air Force (USAF) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Divert Activities and Exercises, Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) for public review. The Draft EIS is available for download on the project website address listed below.

The USAF requests comments on the Draft EIS and will host open public hearings on the islands of Saipan and Tinian. The proposed action analyzed in the Draft EIS is to improve an existing airport or airports and associated infrastructure in the Mariana Islands region in support of expanding mission requirements and to achieve divert capabilities in the western Pacific. The proposed airfield and infrastructure improvements would be designed to support a combination of cargo, fighter, and tanker aircraft and associated support personnel for divert landings, periodic exercises, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief activities. Proposed facilities would be used on an as-needed basis and would not be used as a permanent full-time beddown or installation location. Saipan International Airport and Tinian International Airport are considered alternative locations for the proposed action. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the USAF has prepared a Draft EIS and is providing this documentation to the public for review.

In addition to electronic files that can be downloaded at the project website address listed below, printed copies of the Draft EIS will available for review until July 23, 2012 at:

- Guam- University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library; Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library; Andersen Air Force Base Library
- Saipan- Saipan Office of the Mayor; Joeten-Kiyu Public Library
- Tinian- Tinian Office of the Mayor; Tinian Public Library
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The public is encouraged to attend the Draft EIS public hearings, which will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

1. June 25, 2012 - Saipan Multi-Purpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe Village, Saipan, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
2. June 26, 2012 - Tinian Elementary School, San Jose Village, Tinian, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Federal agencies, government of CNMI agencies, the public, and other interested parties are encouraged to provide verbal and/or written comments to the USAF for consideration in the Final EIS. Verbal and/or written comments may be submitted at the public hearings or via postal mail. All comments must be submitted or postmarked no later than July 23, 2012.

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Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer
Children's/family • Rated PG

Synopsis

The third entry in the Madagascar franchise finds the tightknit group of animals joining a traveling circus in order to get back home. Noah Baumbach provides the script, with Eric Darnell handling director duties. Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer, Jada Pinkett Smith, and Sacha Baron Cohen reprise the voice roles, with Frances McDormand stepping in as the villain.

Prometheus

Friday		4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
Sunday thru Thursday	1:30	4:30	7:30	

Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender
Science Fiction • Rated R

Synopsis

Director Ridley Scott steps back into sci-fi territory with this tale that takes its cues from the Alien films — which it was originally supposed to tie in to before growing into its own mythology during pre-production. Jon Spaihts and Damon Lindelof provide the script, while The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo's Noomi Rapace and Michael Fassbender head up the cast, which also includes Charlize Theron, Ben Foster, and Idris Elba.

★ ★ ★

Snow White and The Huntsman

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday thru Thursday	1:05	4:05	7:05	

Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth
Fantasy • Rated PG 13

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Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones
Comedy • Rated PG 13

Battleship

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Liam Neeson, Taylor Kitsch
Science fiction, War • Rated PG 13

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Sacha Baron Cohen, Anna Faris
Comedy • Rated R

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Life & Style

Poet-historian of the South named US poet in chief

WASHINGTON (AP)—A poet-historian representing a younger generation of writers will soon take office on Capitol Hill, overlooking the politicians, in a lesser-known post enshrined in federal law.

The Library of Congress named Natasha Trethewey on Thursday to be its 19th U.S. poet laureate with a mission to share the art of poetry with a wider audience. The 46-year-old English and creative writing professor at Atlanta's Emory University distinguished herself early, winning the Pulitzer Prize in 2007.

Trethewey will be the first poet in chief to take up residence in Washington to work at the library's Poetry Room for part of her term in 2013. As one of the youngest poet laureates ever selected, she also brings fresh perspective to an office more recently held by poets in their 80s.

Part of her work has focused on restoring history that has been erased or forgotten from the official record and the nation's shared memory. She has researched in the library's Civil War archive to inform some of her writings.

Trethewey won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for her collection of poems, "Native Guard." She wrote of the Louisiana Native Guard, a black Civil War regiment assigned to guard white Confederate soldiers held on Ship Island off Mississippi's Gulf Coast.

AP

In this Oct. 10, 2007, file photo, Pulitzer Prize winning author Natasha Trethewey recalls her young years in Mississippi, during a break in her speaking schedule at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss.

The Confederate prisoners were later memorialized on the island, but not the black Union soldiers.

A stanza reads:

"Some names shall deck the page of history

"as it is written on stone. Some will not."

Librarian of Congress James Billington, who chose Trethewey after hearing her read at the National Book Festival in Washington, said her work explores many tragedies of the Civil War.

"She's taking us into history that was never written," he told The Associated Press. "She takes the greatest human tragedy in American history—the Civil War, 650,000 people killed, the most destructive war of human life for a century—and she takes us inside without preaching."

It's a "happy coincidence," he said, that Trethewey was chosen during the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States. He was also impressed with her skill in translating a visual image into words and moving from rhyme to free verse—but always keeping her poems accessible.

Trethewey began writing poems after a personal tragedy. While she was a college freshman, her mother was killed by a stepfather Trethewey had long feared.

"I started writing poems as a response to that great loss, much the way that people responded, for example, after 9/11," she told the AP. "People who never had written poems or turned much to poetry turned to it at that moment because it seems like the only thing that can speak the unspeakable."

She is the nation's first poet laureate to hail from the South since the first federal poet—Robert Penn Warren—was named by the Library of Congress in 1986. She is also Mississippi's top poet and will be the first person to serve simultaneously as a state and U.S. laureate.

Her term, beginning in September, also coincides with the 75th anniversary of the poetry center and a dedicated poet-consultant position at the world's largest library.

Trethewey said she hopes to promote national activity around poetry and to engage with the library and people who visit the nation's capital.

Past poet laureates have included W.S. Merwin, Kay Ryan, Stanley Kunitz, Robert Pinsky, Rita Dove and Warren—the Southern native who was an inspiration for Trethewey. Their agendas as the nation's chief poets have included readings across the country, newspaper syndication of poems and poetry readings over high school public address systems.

Fiancee: Vet gave show errant photo by 'mistake'

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—An "America's Got Talent" contestant scrutinized for claims about being injured in Afghanistan made a mistake when he gave the show a photograph of another soldier and passed it off as himself, the man's fiancée said Thursday.

The NBC series this week and WFAA-TV of Dallas last month used the picture with segments on Timothy Michael Poe, a former Minnesota Army National Guard member who said he suffered a broken back and brain injury in a grenade attack in Afghanistan in 2009. The Guard says military records don't substantiate his claims.

The caption of the original picture on the official military website Defense.gov shows Staff Sgt. Norman Bone serving in Afghanistan in 2006.

Poe has declined multiple requests for comment from The Associated Press this week. But his fiancee, Carrie Morris, said Thursday that Poe accidentally submitted the photo to NBC and the station because he was hurrying and didn't take the time to look at which picture he was sending. She said he probably thought it was the right picture when he sent it to "America's Got Talent" because he already had sent it to WFAA.

Morris said she didn't know where Poe got the picture of Bone but that "he downloads military stuff all the time" and that other people send them pictures as well.

"But I know that it was a mistake on his part. It was an accident. It was a complete accident," Morris said.

Bone declined to comment to The Associated Press when reached on his cellphone Thursday, saying he wanted to consult with legal counsel because he's still on active duty.

NBC referred a call for comment to the show's producer, FremantleMedia North America. In a statement emailed to the AP, FreMantle Media spokesman Neil Schubert apologized to Bone for the photo's misuse. He said it has been removed and won't be used again.

"It was supplied to us by Tim and used on the show in good faith," Schubert said.

WFAA assistant news director Chris Berg also confirmed Poe sent them the picture.

"Today they told our reporter they made a mistake and sent the wrong picture," Berg said by email. "Fiancee told us 'Tim forgets things.'"

AP

In this photo provided by NBC Universal, Timothy Michael Poe appears on "America's Got Talent," on the episode that aired Monday, June 4, 2012.

Poe, 35, of San Antonio, Texas, told WFAA that he also wounded was while serving in Iraq when his truck got hit by an IED in 2005—something the Guard also disputes.

Minnesota Army National Guard spokesman Lt. Col Kevin Olson reiterated Thursday that there were no official records showing Poe ever deployed to Iraq or was injured there. He said Poe reported to Camp Shelby in Mississippi "for pre-mobilization training on Sept. 21, 2005, but ultimately did not deploy."

Military records show Poe served with the Guard from December 2002 through May 2011, as a supply specialist. He was deployed in Kosovo from October 2007 to July 2008, and then served in Afghanistan for about a month in 2009. He was honorably discharged in 2011, because of a physical disability.

Olson said none of the military records that Morris provided to reporters Wednesday backed up Poe's claims of combat injuries. He said other documents indicate Poe suffered the injury that led to his medical retirement while training at Indiana's Camp Atterbury in July 2009, before he deployed to Afghanistan.

"If Mr. Poe has additional information to support his claims, we welcome it, and we will also continue to investigate and if appropriate, pursue a correction to his medical records and status," Olson wrote.

In the "America's Got Talent" episode that aired Monday, Poe told the celebrity judges that he spent 14 years in the military and was injured in Afghanistan.

'American Idol' winner Phillips undergoes surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"American Idol" winner Phillip Phillips, who was plagued by serious kidney problems during the singing contest, is recovering from surgery.

A spokeswoman for series producer 19 Entertainment said Thursday that the operation went well for the 21-year-old Phillips. Leslie Fradkin says the singer from Leesburg, Ga., will be ready for the July 6 start of the "American Idol" national concert tour.

The guitar-playing Phillips defeated 16-year-old Jessica Sanchez to become the Fox talent competition's 11th season victor last month.

Lagerfeld says Barrymore bridal look was 'perfect'

AP

Karl Lagerfeld attends CHANEL's The Little Black Jacket Exhibition on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Karl Lagerfeld couldn't be more pleased with his latest creation: Drew Barrymore's wedding gown.

The 78-year-old Chanel designer described the pleated muslin and organza dress with a ruffled collar as "perfect" for the pregnant bride.

"I love her. She's great," said Lagerfeld Wednesday at the opening of an exhibit celebrating Chanel's signature Little Black Jacket that was curated by Lagerfeld and former French Vogue editor Carine Roitfeld.

Barrymore, 37, married art consultant Will Kopelman on June 2 at her Montecito, Calif., home.

Lagerfeld says he's known Kopelman, the son of former Chanel CEO Arie Kopelman, since he was a child.

He said he and Barrymore tried several options before settling on the custom gown featuring feathers, embroidered flowers and a black satin belt.

His advice for dressing up with a baby bump?

"Be comfortable, even in the wedding dress," he said.

Some of Lagerfeld's other celebrity friends, including Linda Evangelista, joined him at the SoHo gallery event that also launched his new book. "The Little Black Jacket: Chanel's Classic Revisited by Karl Lagerfeld and Carine Roitfeld" features men, women and children wearing the classic piece in creative ways, seeing the jacket transformed into a head wrap or miniskirt.

For one photo, Kanye West poses casually in a version of the jacket with a T-shirt and jeans, while in another Sarah Jessica Parker wears a crown and lets the jacket playfully billow behind her head.

Blind Chinese activist seeking book deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Chinese legal activist Chen Guangcheng is planning to write a book about his life and his quest for human rights in his native country.

Chen had three goals, his spokesman Matt Dorf said Thursday: to spread his message for greater freedom in China, to help support his family and to raise money to contribute to human rights organizations.

Chen

"He is very much looking forward to telling his story," Dorf, managing partner of the Washington-based Rabinowitz/Dorf Communications, told The Associated Press.

Dorf said Chen had not started the book, which will be translated from Mandarin, but was hoping to meet with publishers "as soon as possible, within weeks, not months."

Chen will be well represented. Washington attorney Robert Barnett, whose clients include President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, will handle negotiations.

Chen, 40, was imprisoned for seven years by provincial officials until a dramatic escape in April from house arrest in his rural village.

He and his wife were detained without charges in 2005 after he angered local officials by documenting complaints about forced abortions. He was later tried on a charge of obstructing traffic and damaging public property, sent to prison, and then put under extrajudicial house arrest again after his release.

McCreery gets CMT award, diploma from NC school

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—Scotty McCreery already had an honor in hand by the time he received his diploma from North Carolina's Garner High School.

The 2011 "American Idol" winner took home breakthrough video of the year from the CMT Music Awards for "The Trouble with Girls" just hours before his graduation ceremony at the Raleigh Convention Center on Thursday.

It was a quick turnaround for McCreery, who received the CMT honor Wednesday night in Nashville, Tenn. He then caught a late flight home to walk across the stage in his cap and gown for the 8 a.m. ceremony.

Fans who wanted a glimpse of McCreery needed a ticket to see him graduate. Each student received eight tickets for family members and friends. McCreery plans to attend North Carolina State University in the fall.

Singer Lauryn Hill faces federal tax charges in NJ

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Eight-time Grammy winner Lauryn Hill has been charged with failing to file income tax returns for several years with the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. attorney's office in New Jersey announced Thursday.

Hill earned more than $1.6 million during 2005, 2006 and 2007, the three years that she failed to file returns, federal prosecutors said. Hill's primary source of income is royalties from the recording and film industries, prosecutors said. She also owns and operates four corporations: Creations Music Inc., Boogie Tours Inc., L.H. Productions 2001 Inc. and Studio 22 Inc., according to court papers.

Messages left Thursday for her California-based attorney, Nathan J. Hochman, and an email sent to her publicist weren't immediately returned.

The 37-year-old Hill got her start with The Fugees and began her solo career in 1998 with the critically acclaimed album "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill."

The album, praised by critics for its incisive lyrics and synthesis of rap and soul, sold 8 million copies. Hill was pronounced the face of "The Hip-Hop Nation" by Time magazine.

She then largely disappeared from public view to raise her six children, five of whom she had with Rohan Marley, the son of famed reggae singer Bob Marley.

AP

In this May 7, 2011 file photo, Lauryn Hill performs at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans.

Hill lives in South Orange, a suburb just west of Newark, and attended Columbia High School in Maplewood.

She is scheduled to appear before a federal magistrate on June 29. She could face a maximum penalty of a year in prison and $100,000 fine on each of the three charges.

Bride's mother does her best to keep stepmom out of sight

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "John," and I have been married 12 years. My stepdaughter, "Diana," who gave me a "My Second Mom" card on Mother's Day, is being married in September. Diana is very close to her mother, "Charlotte," who resents me.

Because John and I are paying for half the wedding, we requested that my parents and Diana's stepbrother and stepsister be invited. Our request was denied. John and Charlotte will be taking part in the ceremony together, which is fine with me. Diana asked me to play a small role in the ceremony, but Charlotte became very upset, so I was excluded. The engagement announcement also made no mention of me.

As things stand, I'm not sure where I will be seated, if I will be included in family photos, the reception line, first dance, grand march, etc. Out of deference to Charlotte, the wedding seems to have been planned as if I don't exist. How do other second wives in this situation make it through?

I have tried hard to be supportive, keep my mouth shut and remember that the birth parents take precedence, but being treated as if I don't exist is hard to swallow. The more I try to be understanding of Diana's position, the more I'm excluded and the more I feel our relationship is being compromised.

John and I discussed it and I suggested that maybe it would be best if I didn't attend the wedding. He became very sad and said he really wants me there. How can I support John and stop all this from damaging my relationship with Diana? Your thoughts, please.

DISAPPEARING STEPMOTHER

DEAR STEPMOTHER: Although you and your husband are paying for half the wedding, it's clear that Charlotte is running the show. I don't blame you for feeling hurt; however, you will do more damage to your relationship with Diana if you do not attend. I think you should go—first to help your stepdaughter celebrate this important day in her life, and second, to inject a much-needed dose of reality into this fantasy.

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DEAR ABBY: I left my husband 2 1/2 years ago because he physically abused my son. I tried dating after that, and thought I had found a nice guy. Then I discovered that in spite of being on birth control, I was pregnant. He pulled the "it's not mine" routine, so I again became single—this time with four children—and remained that way for more than a year.

Five months ago I started seeing an amazing man. He loves my children and wants to marry me, but I find myself pulling away. Is it because I'm afraid that this man will become the Jekyll and Hyde type, too?

GUN SHY IN CANADA

DEAR GUN SHY: Probably. Your fear is understandable, considering the luck you've had with the previous men in your life.

Before you distance yourself any further, consider asking a psychologist to help you come to grips with your fears. And while you're at it, couples counseling would also be helpful, so you can get to know this "amazing man" better before you make any more lifetime commitments. If he loves you as he claims to, he will cooperate. If he refuses—keep looking.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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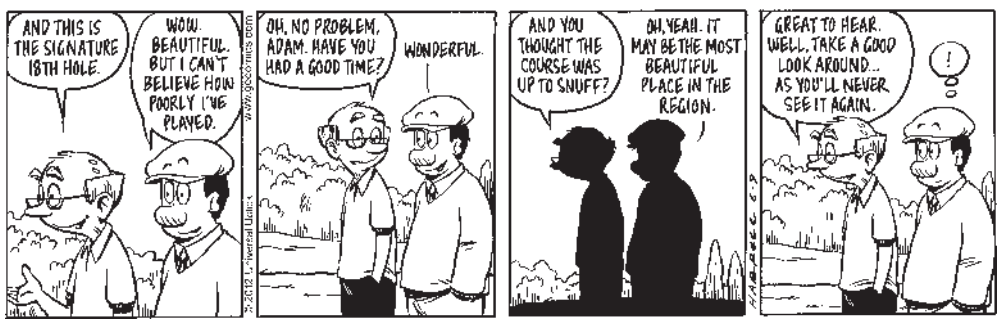
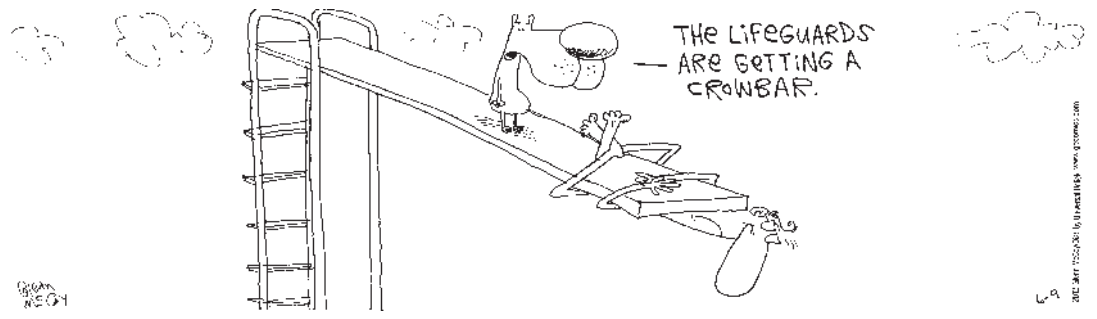
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


AND THIS IS THE SIGNATURE 18TH HOLE.
WOW. BEAUTIFUL. BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW POORLY I'VE PLAYED.
OH, NO PROBLEM, ADAM. HAVE YOU HAD A GOOD TIME?
WONDERFUL.
AND YOU THOUGHT THE COURSE WAS UP TO SNUFF?
OH, YEAH. IT MAY BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE IN THE REGION.
GREAT TO HEAR. WELL, TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND... AS YOU'LL NEVER SEE IT AGAIN.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 1960s hallucinogen
4 Traffic noise
8 — out (supplemented)
12 Have bills
13 Winglike
14 Not yet final, in law
15 Energy
16 Get up
17 Criterion
18 Charlie Sheen's brother
21 No longer chic
22 Round Table address
23 Church song
26 Corral
27 Taxi
30 Bay
31 Marry
32 Mentor
33 Coloring agent
34 Tina's "30 Rock" role
35 Got along
36 Shriner's chapeau
37 Cleo's slayer
38 Miami Sound Machine lead
45 Amusement park attraction
46 Puerto —
47 Swelled head
48 Works with
49 Let fall
50 Before
51 Wild party
52 Collections
53 Bando of baseball

DOWN
1 Popular topic with lyricists
2 Take to the pool
3 Actress Moore
4 Silver-white metal
5 His work inspired "Cats"
6 Relaxation
7 Ironed
8 Sign up
9 Chicken —
10 Being, to Brutus
11 Airhead
19 Enjoy the hammock
20 Can material
23 Third degree?
24 Sauce source
25 Idolater's emotion
26 Dispensable candy
27 Mongrel
28 Exist
29 Bloom-to-be
31 Hogwarts alumni
32 Stare stupidly
34 Mainlander's memento
35 Camera settings
36 Newly baked
37 Foppish neckwear
38 Food
39 Bart's sister
40 Works of tribute
41 Green acres
42 Lawyers' income
43 Taj Mahal city
44 Yule refrain

Solution time: 27 mins.

W	A	S	■	F	D	A	■	P	I	C	A	S
H	U	H	■	O	R	R	■	A	N	O	D	E
I	R	A	■	B	A	D	M	I	N	T	O	N
F	A	R	■	S	P	O	O	N	■	■	■	■
F	L	I	P	■	E	R	A	■	A	C	E	D
■	■	■	I	T	S	■	B	A	D	G	E	R
E	L	A	T	E	■	■	■	D	A	I	L	Y
B	A	D	H	A	M	■	G	A	M	■	■	■
B	O	D	Y	■	O	D	E	■	S	A	V	F
■	■	■	M	O	U	N	T	■	M	A	I	■
B	A	D	F	I	N	G	F	R	■	O	I	D
U	N	I	O	N	■	I	R	F	■	R	O	F
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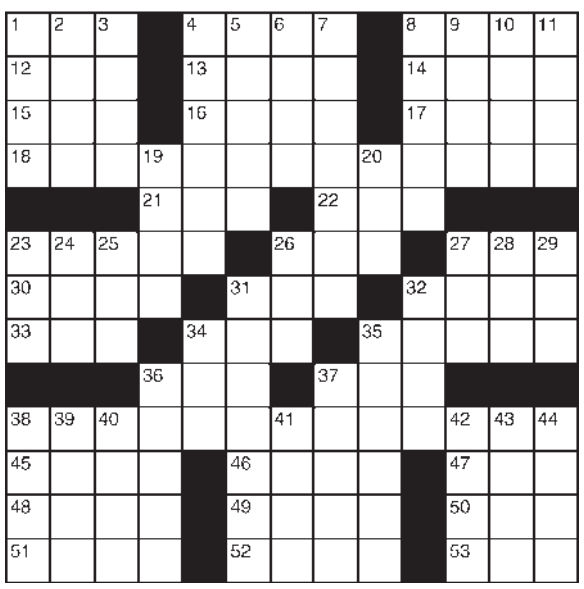
Yesterday's answer 6-9



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Natalie Portman, 31; Josh Hamilton, 43; Johnny Depp, 49; Michael J. Fox, 51.

Happy Birthday: Curiosity will lead to good ideas that could raise your earning potential. Don't think too big. Keep things simple, direct and cost-efficient. Added discipline will allow you to make the most of whatever you've got. Choose your partners wisely. Take extra precautions when it comes to your health and physical wellness. Your numbers are 4, 13, 18, 21, 29, 35, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Think before you respond, even if someone is pushy. Call in a favor and you will be able to bypass anyone trying to blackmail you into doing something you don't want to do. Romance and socializing are highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't overreact or promise something you cannot honor. Stick to what you know and do best. Getting involved in a hobby or interest will connect you to someone who shares your concerns and is dedicated to a cause you should join. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Set your mind on enjoyment, socializing and being entertaining. Offer your skill and you will find there is demand for what you have to offer. Consider ways to update your looks, image or talents to better suit your current lifestyle. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Observation will guide you. You will have a better idea how and where you fit in best if you know what everyone else is doing. Fixing up your place will allow you to entertain more frequently and freely. Don't keep secrets. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Make a choice and keep moving. Don't waste time when you know what you should be doing. Keep your costs down and your mind alert, especially when it comes to generosity and other money matters. Emotional deception can lead you astray. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Protect your reputation and be sure to take part in any business event or activity without complaining. Being part of a team will show your ability to adapt. Don't let someone beat you at your own game. Believe in your abilities. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Travel or get involved in an event that will teach you more about different philosophies or lifestyles you may want to adopt. You are in the driver's seat, so pick what suits you best and don't look back. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't vacillate. Make things happen. Follow your imagination and produce what you feel is the environment you want to be surrounded by. Make the choice and set the goals, and you will achieve your dream. Self-deception is the enemy. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't exaggerate. You will be up against some stiff competition when it comes to your personal life and popularity. Make the changes necessary at home or within a relationship, and you will turn a negative into a positive. ✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You've got the right idea. Take hold of your situation and concentrate on getting personal papers in order so you can make changes that will help you get ahead. Take advantage of what's being offered. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Improve your financial situation by downsizing or altering your living arrangements to lower your overhead. Make some changes to your looks and you will receive compliments that will boost your confidence. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Expect to have problems getting the correct information. Don't make a move based on hearsay. Using force will be a waste of time and will lead to a pushy response. A creative and innovative approach will bring the best results. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inventive and intelligent, questioning and commanding.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		3			1		9	
8			7					
					8			6
4		1	6		9		2	
	6		2		7	5		3
7			4					
					6			7
	3		1			2		

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/09

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

6	5	4	7	9	3	2	8	1
3	9	2	8	6	1	7	4	5
7	8	1	5	4	2	6	3	9
1	3	5	2	7	4	9	6	8
2	6	8	9	1	5	4	7	3
9	4	7	3	8	6	1	5	2
8	2	9	6	3	7	5	1	4
4	7	3	1	5	9	8	2	6
5	1	6	4	2	8	3	9	7

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SCOTTSDALE'S MIGHTY MUD MANIA **Solution: 6 letters**

P	N	A	P	F	S	R	L	E	P	L	U	N	G	E
Y	I	I	C	C	E	T	R	I	D	K	M	A	D	T
C	L	H	L	T	S	S	T	S	C	I	N	I	O	H
S	O	I	S	U	I	S	T	O	T	O	L	A	N	G
S	M	U	M	R	A	V	M	I	Z	N	N	S	A	I
B	L	M	R	A	O	P	I	I	V	N	E	E	T	L
C	E	O	A	S	F	S	R	T	U	I	B	T	I	H
R	L	N	O	E	E	A	N	A	Y	U	T	U	O	G
L	G	P	E	P	R	W	L	O	T	E	T	I	N	I
O	S	N	U	F	O	D	T	E	P	J	V	I	E	H
O	X	L	I	D	I	D	U	O	U	S	Ⓒ	E	N	S
S	G	A	E	N	D	T	R	M	N	Q	W	Ⓘ	N	Y
E	E	S	L	W	N	L	P	E	P	E	I	I	Ⓣ	T
H	O	U	S	E	O	U	E	E	R	F	S	N	M	Ⓨ
H	W	A	T	E	R	T	R	S	T	E	K	C	U	B

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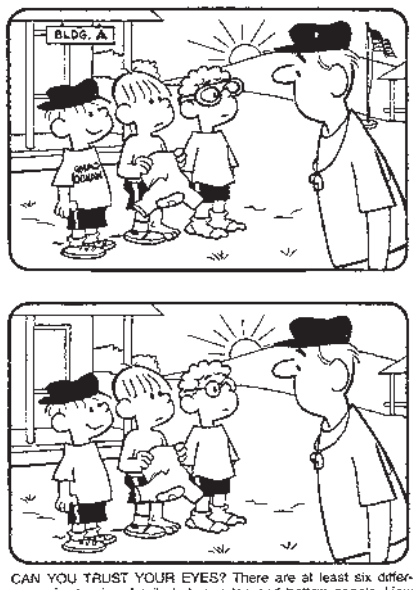
Yesterday's Answer: Fencing

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Difference: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Shirt logo is missing. 3. Shirt sleeve is moved. 4. Glasses are different. 5. Window and is shorter. 6. Peg is missing.

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Wishing Well®

2	6	3	8	6	3	2	8	5	4	7	8	7
C	Y	M	B	O	E	O	E	B	A	B	D	E
2	8	7	4	6	3	6	5	4	8	3	5	8
M	I	A	G	U	R	E	E	I	S	G	P	C
4	7	2	8	2	7	2	6	3	5	6	2	6
F	D	P	I	L	V	E	X	E	O	T	T	E
8	3	2	8	6	3	4	2	3	2	7	6	8
P	R	E	L	N	F	T	P	O	R	E	D	I
3	6	8	2	4	8	2	4	3	8	3	6	2
R	H	N	O	A	E	J	R	M	D	O	E	E
7	3	4	3	5	4	5	6	3	6	4	2	4
N	N	R	E	S	I	I	L	Y	P	V	C	E
7	4	7	5	2	5	2	7	5	7	5	7	7
T	S	U	T	T	I	S	R	V	O	E	U	S

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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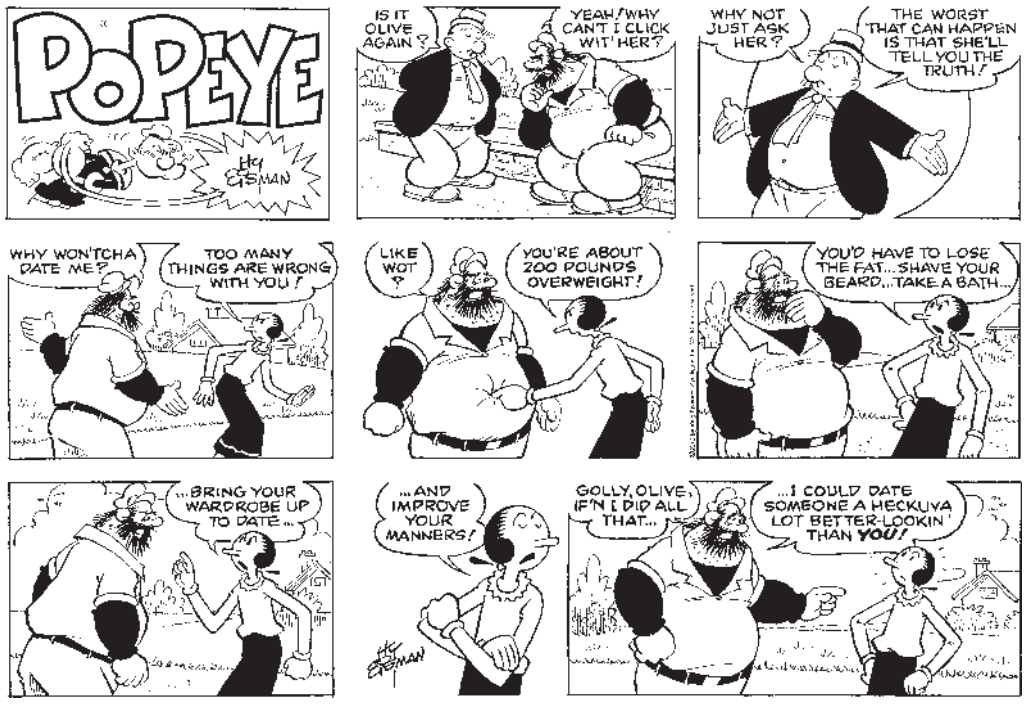
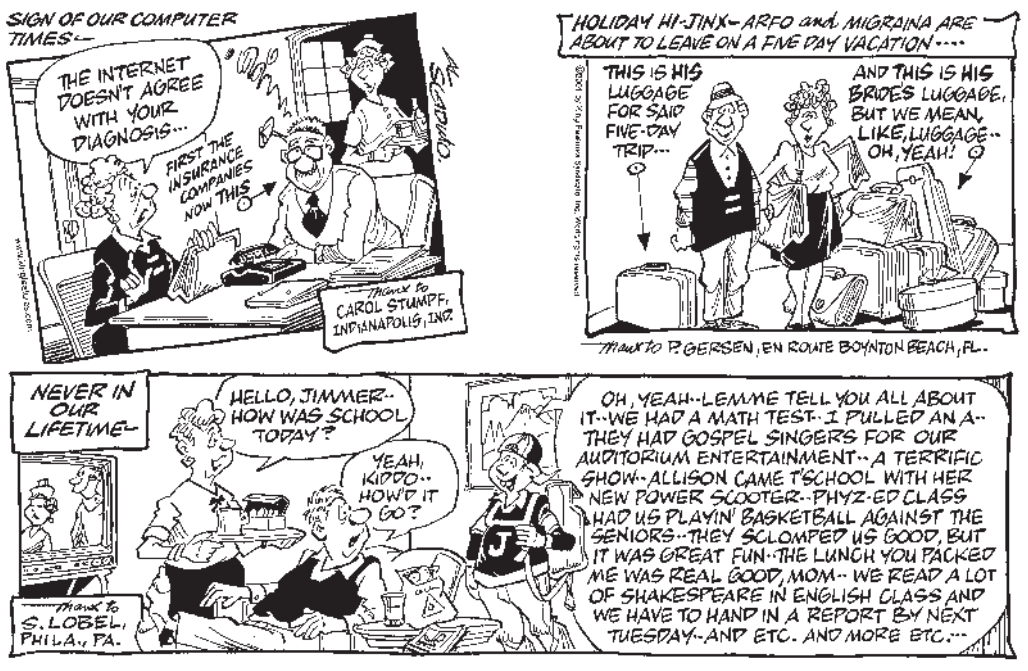
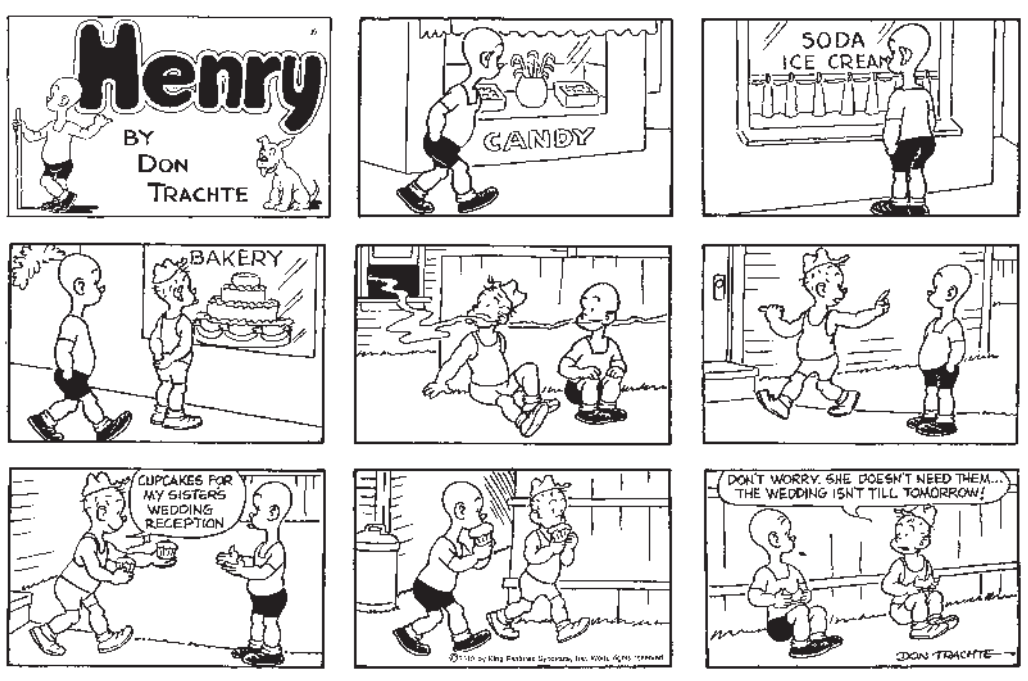

POPEYE
Hey Eisman
IS IT OLIVE AGAIN?
YEAH/WHY CAN'T I CLICK WIT' HER?
WHY NOT JUST ASK HER?
THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN IS THAT SHE'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH!
WHY WON'TCHA DATE ME?
TOO MANY THINGS ARE WRONG WITH YOU!
LIKE WOT?
YOU'RE ABOUT 200 POUNDS OVERWEIGHT!
YOU'D HAVE TO LOSE THE FAT...SHAVE YOUR BEARD...TAKE A BATH...
...BRING YOUR WARDROBE UP TO DATE...
...AND IMPROVE YOUR MANNERS!
GOLLY, OLIVE, IF'N I DID ALL THAT...
...I COULD DATE SOMBONE A HECKUVA LOT BETTER-LOOKIN' THAN YOU!

They'll Do It Every Time — by Al Scaduto


SIGN OF OUR COMPUTER TIMES--
THE INTERNET DOESN'T AGREE WITH YOUR DIAGNOSIS...
FIRST THE INSURANCE COMPANIES NOW THIS
Thanx to CAROL STUMPF, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
HOLIDAY HI-JINX--ARFO and MIGRAINA ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE ON A FINE DAY VACATION....
THIS IS HIS LUGGAGE FOR SAID FIVE-DAY TRIP...
AND THIS IS HIS BRIDE'S LUGGAGE. BUT WE MEAN, LIKE, LUGGAGE.. OH, YEAH!
Thank to P. GERSEN, EN ROUTE BOYNTON BEACH, FL.
NEVER IN OUR LIFETIME--
HELLO, JIMMER.. HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?
YEAH, KIDDO.. HOW'D IT GO?
OH, YEAH.. LEMME TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT.. WE HAD A MATH TEST.. I PULLED AN A.. THEY HAD GOSPEL SINGERS FOR OUR AUDITORIUM ENTERTAINMENT.. A TERRIFIC SHOW.. ALLISON CAME T'SCHOOL WITH HER NEW POWER SCOOTER.. PHYZ-ED CLASS HAD US PLAYIN' BASKETBALL AGAINST THE SENIORS.. THEY SCLOMPED US GOOD, BUT IT WAS GREAT FUN.. THE LUNCH YOU PACKED ME WAS REAL GOOD, MOM.. WE READ A LOT OF SHAKESPEARE IN ENGLISH CLASS AND WE HAVE TO HAND IN A REPORT BY NEXT TUESDAY.. AND ETC. AND MORE ETC....
Thank to S. LOBEL, PHILA., PA.

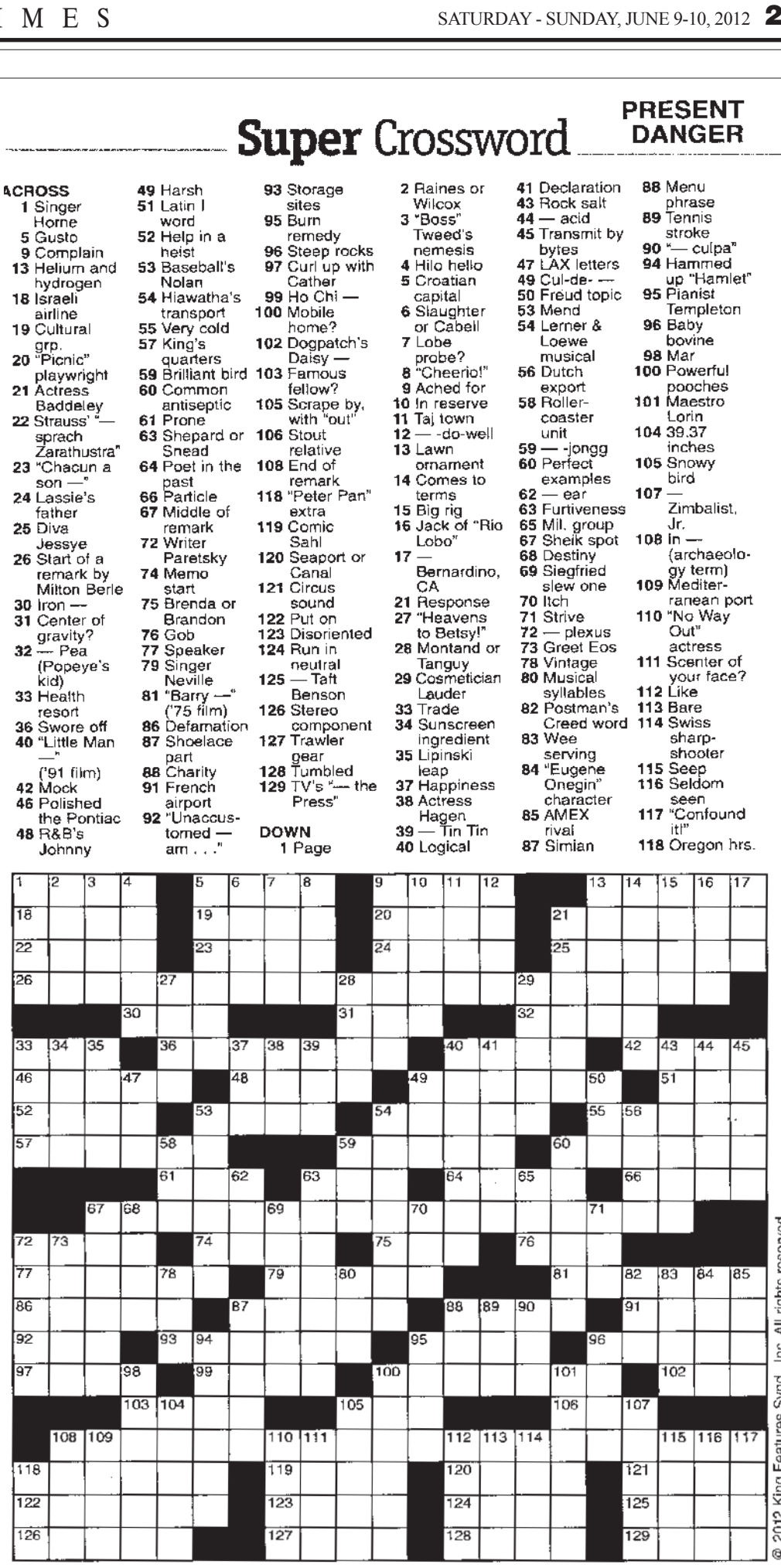


Super Crossword

PRESENT DANGER

ACROSS
1 Singer Horne
5 Gusto
9 Complain
13 Helium and hydrogen
18 Israeli airline
19 Cultural grp.
20 "Picnic" playwright
21 Actress Baddeley
22 Strauss' "— sprach Zarathustra"
23 "Chacun a son —"
24 Lassie's father
25 Diva Jessye
26 Start of a remark by Milton Berle
30 Iron —
31 Center of gravity?
32 — Pea (Popeye's kid)
33 Health resort
36 Swore off
40 "Little Man —" ('91 film)
42 Mock
46 Polished the Pontiac
48 R&B's Johnny
49 Harsh
51 Latin I word
52 Help in a heist
53 Baseball's Nolan
54 Hiawatha's transport
55 Very cold
57 King's quarters
59 Brilliant bird
60 Common antiseptic
61 Prone
63 Shepard or Snead
64 Poet in the past
66 Particle
67 Middle of remark
72 Writer Paretsky
74 Memo start
75 Brenda or Brandon
76 Gob
77 Speaker
79 Singer Neville
81 "Barry —" ('75 film)
86 Defamation
87 Shoelace part
88 Charity
91 French airport
92 "Unaccustomed — am . . ."
93 Storage sites
95 Burn remedy
96 Steep rocks
97 Curl up with Cather
99 Ho Chi —
100 Mobile home?
102 Dogpatch's Daisy —
103 Famous fellow?
105 Scrape by, with "out"
106 Stout relative
108 End of remark
118 "Peter Pan" extra
119 Comic Sahl
120 Seaport or Canal
121 Circus sound
122 Put on
123 Disoriented
124 Run in neutral
125 — Taft Benson
126 Stereo component
127 Trawler gear
128 Tumbled
129 TV's "— the Press"

DOWN
1 Page
2 Raines or Wilcox
3 "Boss" Tweed's nemesis
4 Hilo hello
5 Croatian capital
6 Slaughter or Cabell
7 Lobe probe?
8 "Cheerio!"
9 Ached for
10 In reserve
11 Taj town
12 — -do-well
13 Lawn ornament
14 Comes to terms
15 Big rig
16 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
17 — Bernardino, CA
21 Response
27 "Heavens to Betsy!"
28 Montand or Tanguy
29 Cosmetician Lauder
33 Trade
34 Sunscreen ingredient
35 Lipinski leap
37 Happiness
38 Actress Hagen
39 — Tin Tin
40 Logical
41 Declaration
43 Rock salt
44 — acid
45 Transmit by bytes
47 LAX letters
49 Cul-de- —
50 Freud topic
53 Mend
54 Lerner & Loewe musical
56 Dutch export
58 Roller-coaster unit
59 — -jongg
60 Perfect examples
62 — ear
63 Furtiveness
65 Mil. group
67 Sheik spot
68 Destiny
69 Siegfried slew one
70 Itch
71 Strive
72 — plexus
73 Greet Eos
78 Vintage
80 Musical syllables
82 Postman's Creed word
83 Wee serving
84 "Eugene Onegin" character
85 AMEX rival
87 Simian
88 Menu phrase
89 Tennis stroke
90 "— culpa"
94 Hammed up "Hamlet"
95 Pianist Templeton
96 Baby bovine
98 Mar
100 Powerful pooches
101 Maestro Lorin
104 39.37 inches
105 Snowy bird
107 — Zimbalist, Jr.
108 In — (archaeology term)
109 Mediterranean port
110 "No Way Out" actress
111 Scenter of your face?
112 Like
113 Bare
114 Swiss sharpshooter
115 Seep
116 Seldom seen
117 "Confound it!"
118 Oregon hrs.



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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is the historic military base Fort Bragg located?
2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The House of Mirth"?
3. HISTORY: Who was the last pharaoh of Egypt?
4. AD SLOGANS: What company's well-known advertising slogan is "Mom! Mom! Good!"?
5. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time"?
6. INVENTIONS: What machine did Johannes Gutenberg invent?
7. MATH: A fraction is an example of what kind of number?
8. MUSICALS: The song "New York, New York" comes from what musical?
9. SCIENCE: What does a herpetologist study?
10. MOVIES: In what 1960 movie did the character Norman Bates make his appearance?

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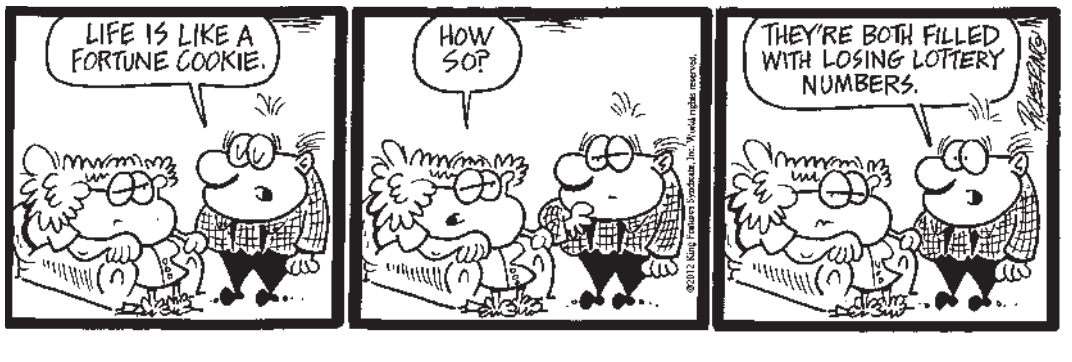
Answers
1. North Carolina
2. Edith Wharton
3. Cleopatra
4. Campbell's Soup
5. Steven Wright
6. Printing press
7. Rational number
8. On the Town
9. Amphibians and reptiles
10. Psycho

Saturday's Answers

The Spats — by Jeff Pickering


LIFE IS LIKE A FORTUNE COOKIE.
HOW SO?
THEY'RE BOTH FILLED WITH LOSING LOTTERY NUMBERS.
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The following agenda is hereby established:

I PRELIMINARIES
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda

II ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - none

III CONSULTANT'S REPORTS- none

IV LEGAL COUNSEL – report and review (Executive Session)
- Proposed Initiative – (17-11)

V OLD BUSINESS
CHC - financial assistance request

VI COMMUNICATIONS - none

VII NEW BUSINESS- none

VIII MISCELLANEOUS

IX ADJOURNMENT

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James scores 45, sends East finals to Game 7

BOSTON (AP)—LeBron James pushed away elimination, right along with any defender who tried to stop him.

He wasn't going to let another season end in Boston. The Eastern Conference finals, and his chase of an NBA championship, are headed back to Miami for a Game 7.

James had 45 points and 15 rebounds, overwhelming the Celtics and leading the Heat to a 98-79 victory Thursday night that forced the decisive game.

"He was absolutely fearless tonight, and it was contagious," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "The way he approached the last 48 hours, and not only LeBron, but everybody else. Nobody likes getting dirt thrown on your face before you're even dead. He showed great resolve."

James shot 19 of 26 from the field and finished four points shy of his playoff career-high while playing 45 minutes, not sitting down until the victory was long secured.

After two days of questions about the Heat's future and his own history, James provided his response in resounding fashion in a building where Miami had lost 15 of its previous 16 games.

"In an environment like this, you want to have a big game," he said. "I wanted to be there for my teammates, no matter what was going on throughout the course of the game.

"This was a gut check for us, and it's good to see we were able to bounce back after that loss, after that Game 5 loss at home."

Dwyane Wade added 17 points for the Heat, who need a victory at home Saturday night to return to the NBA finals. And if James plays like this again, Miami should have no problem getting it.

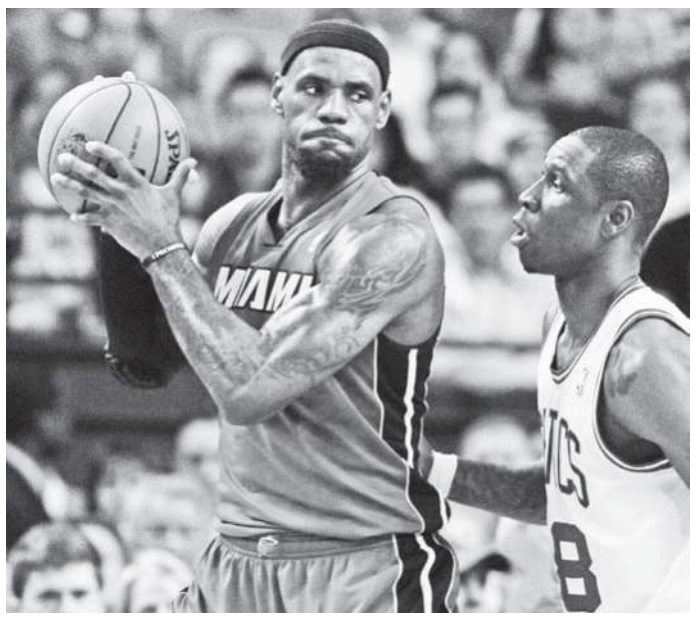
"He played amazing. He was locked in from the beginning of the game like I've never seen him before," Wade said.

Rajon Rondo had 21 points and 10 assists for Boston. Kevin Garnett and Brandon Bass each scored 12 points, but Paul Pierce had only nine on 4-of-18 shooting.

In the site of some of James' biggest disappointments, the only disappointed ones Thursday were the thousands of fans who hoped to see a celebration but instead filed out of the TD Garden midway through the fourth quarter, just before the league MVP called it a night.

"He was comfortable all night," Rondo said. "We didn't get into his air space."

Miami barely won Game 2 before dropping the next three games, but this one was never in doubt. James was a one-man force on what's supposed to be a Big Three, carrying the Heat in the first half while Wade made only 1 of 6 shots.



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Miami Heat forward LeBron James, left, prepares to drive against Boston Celtics forward Mickael Pietrus, right, during the first quarter in Game 6 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, Thursday, June 7, 2012, in Boston.

The Celtics were hoping to complete a comeback from a 2-0 deficit, as Oklahoma City did in the Western Conference, and advance to face the Thunder in the NBA finals. But they missed 13 of 14 3-point attempts and will have to win a second straight game in Miami to play for the title.

James' season was twice ended in Boston while playing for Cleveland, the Celtics emerging as the winner in a Pierce-James duel in Game 7 of the 2008 East semifinals, then beating the Cavs in Game 6 of the second round two years later.

That was James' last game with Cleveland, leaving that summer for Miami and the All-Star help that Wade and Chris Bosh could provide.

He needed none of it Thursday.

He had 30 points by halftime and spent the night silencing the Celtics crowd and perhaps some of the doubters he somehow still has. He set the tone for the game by making 6 of 7 shots and scoring 14 points in the first quarter, and he made sure the Heat were never challenged from there.

"I hope now you guys can stop talking about LeBron and he doesn't play in big games," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "He was pretty good tonight. So we can put that to bed and go play Game 7."

Meanwhile, Pierce, whose 3-pointer over James was the biggest basket of Boston's Game 5 victory, missed 13 of 16 shots through three quarters, including all six 3-point attempts.

The Heat obviously weren't deflated by that loss and came to fight, scoring 10 straight points to build a 10-point lead shortly after Mario Chalmers was called for a technical foul after getting mixed up with Ray Allen. They extended it to 12 points later in the period, taking a 26-16 lead into the second after shooting 58 percent in the period.

Wade finally got on the board with a jumper to open the second, but he seemed strangely passive even with Miami trying to save its season.

No matter. James didn't need the help.

He had consecutive baskets for a 15-point lead and came up with a basket every time the Celtics tried to get any rhythm. He soared high above the rim—and any other player—for a follow dunk after the Celtics had crept within eight in the final 2 minutes of the half. Miami led 55-42 at the break.

James made 12 of his first 13 shots before missing from the perimeter on his final attempt of the half.

Only Rondo kept it from being a blowout, scoring 19 points and adding five assists in the half. Relishing the challenge, he even emulated Garnett by doing a couple of knuckle pushups after being knocked to the court while drawing a foul, but he couldn't keep up with James and needed some help that never arrived.

The Celtics, trying desperately for one last championship before the expected breakup of their Big Three, hope this one doesn't get added to recent series losses against Orlando in 2009 and the Lakers in the NBA finals in 2010, when they lost Game 6s with chances to win the series and then fell in Game 7.

James' first basket of the third quarter increased the lead to 17 points, and from there it was just a matter of coming up with another score any time the Celtics tried to make a run.

Boston never came close, and when a 3-pointer by Shane Battier made it 81-63 with 10:19 to play, Rivers spent part of a timeout standing alone on the court with his arms folded, leaving it to the players to try to come up with an answer that wasn't there.

Bosh entered with 5 1/2 minutes left in the first quarter of his second game back after missing nine with a lower abdominal strain, finishing with seven points and six rebounds.

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Buchholz shuts out Orioles in 7-0 Boston win

BOSTON (AP)—Clay Buchholz pitched a four-hitter for his third career shutout—all against Baltimore—leading the Boston Red Sox over the Orioles 7-0 Thursday.

Buchholz (6-2) struck out six and walked one. His other complete games were a five-hitter in an 11-0 win on June 4, 2010, and a no-hitter on Sept. 1, 2007, his second big league start and appearance.

Adrian Gonzalez had three hits and two RBIs as Boston stopped a three-game losing streak. The Orioles had been 5-0 at Fenway Park this year.

AP

Boston Red Sox's Clay Buchholz pitches in the first inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles in Boston, Thursday, June 7, 2012.

Rays 7, Yankees 3

In New York, David Price struck out eight over five scrappy innings to become the American League leader in wins as Tampa Bay averted a three-game series sweep to New York.

Price (8-3) finished his night by retiring two of the Yankees' most dangerous hitters with the bases loaded. Alex Rodriguez struck out after an 11-pitch at bat and Robinson Cano grounded out in six more, ending New York's best threat to cut into a four-run lead.

White Sox 4, Blue Jays 3

In Chicago, Orlando Hudson singled in the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting Chicago over Toronto.

Dayan Viciedo sparked the winning rally with a one-out single against Francisco Cordero (1-3). He advanced on a wild pitch and scored on Hudson's hit.

Tigers 7, Indians 5

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera homered, Brennan Boesch broke out of a slump with a pair of hits and Casey Crosby earned his first major league win as Detroit edged Cleveland.

Cleveland nearly rallied from a 7-1 deficit but, with the Tigers leading by two, the Indians left the bases loaded in the seventh and two on in the eighth.

Athletics 7, Rangers 1

In Oakland, California, Coco Crisp hit a solo homer and a bases-loaded triple to match his season total for extra-base hits as Oakland won a series for the first time since May 4-6 against Tampa Bay.

The Athletics outscored the Rangers 24-8 in winning three of the four games.

Dodgers 8, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Aaron Harang got his 100th career victory as Los Angeles overcame a two-run, sixth-inning deficit, as the Dodgers won to complete their first four-game sweep of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Harang (5-3) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings, improving to 100-97 in 11 big league seasons. The Dodgers had not swept a four-game series at Philadelphia since Brooklyn accomplished the feat from May 24-26, 1946, according to STATS LLC.

Pirates 5, Reds 4, 10 innings

In Cincinnati, Michael McKenry drove in the first earned run allowed by Aroldis Chapman with an RBI double in the 10th inning, rallying Pittsburgh past Cincinnati.

McKenry's sacrifice fly put Pittsburgh up 4-3 in the seventh, but closer Joel Hanrahan (3-0) blew a save for only the second time this season, giving up a leadoff homer to Ryan Ludwick in the ninth.

Braves 8, Marlins 2

In Miami, Jason Heyward hit two solo homers to center and Atlanta completed a three-game sweep of Florida.

Martin Prado put Atlanta ahead to stay with a two-run homer, and Michael Bourn added a three-run homer in the ninth. Mike Minor (3-4) needed 103 pitches to get through five innings but allowed only one run, and four relievers completed a nine-hitter.

Mets 3, Nationals 1

In Washington, knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (9-1) tossed four-hit ball for 7 1-3 scoreless innings and extended the longest shutout streak of his career to 24 2-3 innings—a span that began against Pittsburgh and continued against San Diego, St. Louis and the Nats.

Dickey became the first pitcher in the majors to reach nine wins this season. Lucas Duda backed Dickey with his fifth homer in eight games, a two-run shot in the fifth against Chien-Ming Wang (1-2).

Brewers 4, Cubs 3

In Milwaukee, Norichika Aoki homered twice, including a drive off Casey Coleman (0-1) leading off the 10th inning as Milwaukee edged Chicago.

The former Japanese batting champion entered the game with one homer, an inside-the-park homer on April 20.

Giants 8, Padres 3

In San Diego, Matt Cain (7-2) struck out nine in seven innings, allowing three runs—none earned—and seven hits to win his sixth straight start.

Buster Posey, Angel Pagan and Gregor Blanco homered. Ryan Theriot had four hits for the Giants, who committed four errors but won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Cardinals 14, Astros 2

In Houston, David Freese hit a grand slam and a two-run homer as St. Louis rookie Lance Lynn struck out a career-high 11 in earning his ninth win.

Freese's slam in the seventh inning was the third homer of the game for St. Louis. He added a two-run shots in the ninth as the Cardinals scored a season-high.

No. 1 with a title? Sharapova makes French final

PARIS (AP)—While Maria Sharapova, the superstar, was having her photo snapped and walking down red carpets, Maria Sharapova, the tennis player, was grinding through a much less glamorous pursuit.

She was slowly, steadily working on a comeback.

From the depths of the rankings after a debilitating injury, Sharapova reached the top of the tennis rankings again Thursday, courtesy of a 6-3, 6-3 semifinal victory over Petra Kvitova at Roland Garros that will officially make the Russian star the No. 1 player when the new list comes out next week.

With one more victory, in the final Saturday, Sharapova will reach two more milestones—her first French Open victory and a career Grand Slam.

Not bad for a player who was mired at 126th in the rankings three years ago after shoulder surgery that threatened to end her dominant days in tennis.

"It's a long road back; it's a long process," Sharapova said. "It's a lot of days of frustration and uncertainty, not knowing if you'll ever get there, not knowing how much you want it, not knowing whether it would be a moment like that for you again."

Sharapova's opponent in the final will be 21st-seeded Sara Errani of Italy, who is enjoying her first act on tennis' big stage.

Errani made her first Grand Slam final with a 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 upset over U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur. It was a match with wild momentum shifts that ended with Errani playing the part of the seasoned veteran and the sixth-seeded Stosur looking as if she couldn't handle the pressure.

"Maybe my problem always was that I couldn't ... win with the strong players," said Errani, who committed 21 unforced errors to 48 by her opponent. "But now I beat three in a row. I'm in the final in a Grand Slam. So I have to maybe try to think a bit different."

Entering Roland Garros, Errani was 0-28 against opponents in the top 10.

Now, she has back-to-back wins against No. 10 Angelique Kerber and No. 6 Stosur, along with victories over past French Open champions Ana Ivanovic and Svetlana Kuznetsova. Which means that on the same day Sharapova officially vaults to No. 1, Errani will reach the top 10 for the first time.

On Friday, the men head back to the court for semifinals, with No. 1 Novak Djokovic playing No. 3 Roger Federer and No. 2 Rafael Nadal playing No. 6 David Ferrer. There's history dripping all over these matchups: Nadal going for a record seventh French Open title, Djokovic trying to become the first man in 43 years to win four straight Grand Slam tournaments, and Federer looking for his record-extending 17th major-tournament title.

"Rafa is the guy that's come in playing the best," said seven-time major champion John McEnroe. "As far as Novak and Roger, both guys have not really gotten their total `A' game going. It's difficult to say what's going to happen, if one or both of these guys could and may step it up."

In the women's final Saturday, the Errani-Sharapova match will be a contrast in styles—the hard-hitting 6-foot-2 Russian going against 5-foot-4 1/2 Errani, whose serve usually spins in at between 70 and 80 mph.

Given their seedings, to say nothing of all the other numbers—Sharapova leads 26-5 in career titles and about $19 million to about $2.5 million in career prize money—the Russian is clearly the favorite.

But Sharapova, who held the No. 1 ranking for 17 weeks between 2005 and 2008, is well beyond taking anything for granted.

"I've played tennis since I was 4 years old," she said. "I committed myself to this sport. I've always loved what I did. When it was taken away from me for a while, that's when I realized how grateful I was and how lucky I was to be playing it."

Her match against Kvitova, who beat Sharapova in last year's Wimbledon final, didn't feature all that much drama. Kvitova struggled with the blustery wind more than her opponent did. And she couldn't get a handle on Sharapova's serve. The Russian placed 78 percent of her first serves in.

Trailing 4-3 and 40-30 in the second set, Kvitova hit an aggressive return that the chair umpire ruled missed the baseline. A short argument ensued and after the changeover, Kvitova kept glancing at the spot where she thought the ball hit. She went from 30-love in that game to losing the last four points, and Sharapova's last service game was academic—and punctuated with an ace on her second serve.

When it was over, she lifted her palms into the air and looked skyward, celebrating everything that had just happened to her: The No. 1 ranking, her first final at Roland Garros, a chance to become only the 10th woman to win all four major tournaments.

Clay has never been Sharapova's specialty, but as part of her comeback, she reinvented that part of her game and became a more patient, steady player. She is 17-1 on the surface this year.

"In a Roland Garros final for the first time, when I know many years ago, I'm sure, many people ... never considered me getting to this stage," she said. "I've always believed and I have worked towards it, but I didn't quite know if I was really ever physically quite ready for that."

RACE

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ing semis spots as they are undefeated in three games as of last Tuesday's results. Luis Camacho and Lani Santos and Melvin Capalad and Mulan Ta could still catch up provided the two leadings teams would drop their remaining two matches.

In the mixed doubles B, Wowie Abuel and Jane Tupas have a strong chance to get one of the two semis berths in Group A with its perfect 5-0 as of Day 9. Eight other teams in Group A will battle for the other Final Four tickets.

In Group B, the father-and-daughter tandem of Jojo and Jen Savellano are the current frontrunners in the race for semis seats with its spotless 4-0 card. Rodwealth Espana and Elna Curate are close behind with their 3-1 record with three games left (played last Wednesday). Three other teams are still in the running for the Final Four berths in their bracket.

In the tough mixed doubles A, only Angie Ito and Andreau Galvez are assured of a semis slot after completing Group B matches with an immaculate 4-0 slate. Four other teams will slug it out for the remaining semis seat in their group.

For Group A, it is still an open race for the five teams, which have all tasted defeats in the first three weeks of the competition.

In the singles play, Macoi Aguda is likely to get one of the spots in Group A of the men's A division with his 3-0 record. Four others will square off for the other semis ticket. In Group B, Sam Jones has a 2-0 record, while Saul Gargallo is also in the thick of the fight with his 2-1 card.

In the men's B, Abuel took the first semis spot after topping Group A with his 4-0 record. Three other players have a chance for the other ticket. In Group B, Jexler Caranto (4-0) and Espana (3-1) won the two Final Four berths.

In the men's C, Talania boosted his semis chances after holding a 3-0 card in Group A, while four other players are fighting for survival. In Group B, Koo and Kanata Omori are favored with their 2-0 and 2-1 records, respectively.

In the women's A singles, Angie Ito, Lani Bartolome, and Hannah Choi had already secured three of the four semis tickets, leaving four players to battle for remaining slot.

In the women's C singles, which also has only one group, it is still an open race among seven players. In the women's B, Cris Obaldo won the first semis ticket in four-player Group A with her 2-1 record, while four more players will contest the two other Final Four spots in Group B.

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Rory McIlroy turns in strong start in Memphis

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Rory McIlroy came to Tennessee to compete and hone his game into shape before defending his U.S. Open title next week. Now he has put himself into position to do something he hasn't done in a month.

Play on the weekend.

McIlroy shot a 2-under 68 Thursday in the opening round of the St. Jude Classic, putting him two strokes behind leaders Jeff Maggert and John Merrick. It's his lowest opening round since he shot a 66 in March on his way to winning The Honda Classic. If he can follow that up Friday, he should keep playing after missing three straight cuts including at Memorial last week.

"I think it's great just to get another competitive round," McIlroy said. "You want to feel like I played pretty well. I feel like it could've been much better. That set me up hopefully a good few days, and it would be great to get myself into contention at this tournament and give me a lot of confidence going into next week."

He couldn't have been grouped with much better playing partners for the first two rounds in an all-Irish threesome. McIlroy and Graeme McDowell, the 2010 U.S. Open champ, are from Northern Ireland, and Padraig Harrington from Ireland.

McIlroy needed only 25 putts as he carded four birdies with two bogeys, including a disappointing approach shot into the water greenside on the par-5 No. 3. But the man who spent last weekend working on his game at The Olympic Club in San Francisco to prepare for the U.S. Open said he really felt comfortable driving the ball at the TPC Southwind course.

"That's something I've been working on the last couple weeks so that's coming around," said McIlroy, who hit six of 14 fairways Thursday. "As long as I can get the ball in the fairway, that gives me the opportunity to get it close to the pin and I'm pleased with that point."

S.Y. Noh, Arjun Atwal, Jeff Overton and J.J. Henry were a stroke back.

McIlroy was tied in a group that included Harrington, Y.E. Yang and John Daly.

Golfers are used to playing through wind and muggy heat in Memphis. A front that kept the temperature a very comfortable 82 Thursday brought winds in from the north, and that created challenges most of the day when many expected good scoring conditions.

"It's gusting a bit, but it's definitely from an unusual direction," Harrington said.

"And anybody who has played over the past number of years, it's playing a different golf course. On 9 there, I'm hitting driver off the tee. I normally hit 5-wood off the tee. There's a lot of holes to have changed like that out there. Some are much tougher, and some are a little easier."

Maggert won on this course in 2006. He took advantage of teeing off in the first group with calm conditions for the first seven holes, and finished with four birdies, an eagle and two bogeys. Merrick matched his best round of the year with six birdies and two bogeys, the last on No. 18 when his tee shot went into the water to drop him back into a tie for the lead.

AP

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, watches his shot from the 9th fairway at the St. Jude Classic golf tournament on Thursday, June 7, 2012, in Memphis, Tenn.

"Had a loose shot there on 18, but you know ... can't hit every shot perfect out there," Merrick said. "So, I was really happy with today."

Maggert is playing his 16th event this year after having shoulder surgery last June and earned his way back on tour at the qualifying tournament. He tied for 13th at the Sony Open and fifth in the Humana Challenge in January but has missed nine cuts.

He took a week off after missing the cut at Colonial and came to Memphis, where he won in 2006, even though his mother is recovering from surgery for breast cancer in Houston.

Maggert was at 6 under when he bogeyed Nos. 5 and 8 to fall back. He wasn't happy with his bogey at No. 8 after his ball on the par 3 stuck in mud in the fairway 48 yards shy of the pin. He called over two rules officials hoping for relief on a course that had dried out fairly well from heavy rains Monday considering the mud hadn't been there in Wednesday's pro-am.

"I felt like I was justified, but the powers that be thought that I was not," Maggert said.

Merrick tied for 11th here a year ago, and he birdied three of his first four holes and birdied three of five on the back nine, his last taking advantage of hitting with the wind to get on the green at the par 5 in two before two-putting from 60 feet for birdie.

This is just the second time Merrick has had at least a share of the lead after 18 holes. He had a piece of the lead at the 2008 Mayakoba Golf Classic and wound up tied for third. Merrick, whose career best finish was second at the 2009 Bob Hope Classic, said he is looking at the leaderboard but isn't looking ahead.

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The MHS junior also topped the 60m run (7.90 seconds), led MHS to victories in the 4x100m, 4x400m, and mixed medley relays, and placed third in long jump.

In the U17 Micronesian Basketball Tournament, Abrams suited up for the CNMI Team that made it to the finals of the girls division and finished runner-up behind Guam. She was the starting center for the CNMI and wounded up in the Top 10 in scoring in pool play, averaging 7.4 points per game. The lanky athlete was also selected to the All Tournament Team, getting the third highest votes from all coaches.

Mancao claimed the other half of the TSL Foundation/NMASA monthly plum posting two junior national records and one personal best time, and winning six gold medals in last month's All Schools meet. He logged a new junior national record 2.06.65 (breaking a 14-year mark) in the 800m run and 10:49.90 in the 3,000m race. Mancao is the first CNMI runner to complete the 800m in 2:06.00 since Kabiriel set a national record (2:96.46) more than a decade ago.

Besides the 800m and 3,000m races, Mancao also won gold medals in the 1,500m (4:50.71) and the 4x100m, 4x400m, and mixed medley relays. In the 400m run where he took the silver medal, he set a PB at 55.12 seconds.

Rangamar, who graduated just last week, received a belated graduation gift with NMASA handing her the female athlete award for May. She was recognized for her leadership on the CNMI U17 Team. The MHS graduate was the starting point guard for the host team and ranked No. 11 in the Top 15 scorers in pool play and No. 7 in the Top 10 at the end of the tournament after averaging 11.2 points per game. She scored 22 in the CNMI's finals loss to Guam and made it to the All Tournament Team, getting the most votes from the coaches.

Meanwhile, Omechelang recorded the toughest victory among the four NMASA May awardees. He won the 30th CNMI May Masters Tournament by only one pin against Robert Talavera, 2,361-2,360. The veteran bowler claimed his first ever May Masters title after recovering from a 69-pinfall deficit and a third place finish with only one game left in the 12-game finale.

Seven other athletes—swimming'ss Kaito Yanai and Miku Tammy, tennis' Christian Miller and Julia Ishikawa, basketball's Jack Aranda and Jimmy Tudela, and bowling's Diana Camacho— were nominated for the May awards and all of them were earned honored mentions.

PACQUIAO

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Roach said. "He wants to prove to the world he's not washed up."

Pacquiao has won world titles in eight weight divisions, building a record of 54-3 with two drawn and 38 knockouts.

Along the way he has become a hero in his home country, where he is also a congressman, and a star around the world.

But the 33-year-old southpaw was unconvincing against Marquez, leading many to wonder if he has passed the peak of his powers.

Roach said that Pacquiao is so determined to prove himself, Roach said, that he believes the fighter is thinking knockout.

"I do feel he has a knockout on his mind," Roach said.

Both Pacquiao and Roach know that the 28-year-old Bradley, who brings a record of 28-0 to the bout with 12 knockouts, will be eager to make an impression in the biggest fight of his career.

"He's a tough young guy coming up, but I think he'll get eaten up as he comes," said Roach, who believes Bradley is too slow and lacking in power to beat Pacquiao.

Bradley has said he will try to avoid a toe-to-toe battle with Pacquiao, whose quickness, power and ability to punch from many angles have seen him win 15 fights in a row since 2005.

Roach said he believes that Bradley will bring the fight to Pacquiao, which will suit the champion perfectly.

"I think they are trying to mix us up a little," Roach said. "I think we can count on him coming to us."

Even if he doesn't, Roach said, Pacquiao will be ready, having sparred with partners who were aggressive and with those who weren't.

"If he does try not to engage, we'll take the fight to him," Roach said.

Bradley, who won the WBO light welterweight title by beating Britain's Junior Witter in England in 2008, will be fighting for just the second time at 147 pounds.

The pre-fight hype—including a reality television series following both fighters and numerous publicity stops to promote the pay-per-view program—is more than Bradley has encountered before, but he has shown himself adept.

He is relaxed and engaging in his interviews, explaining his vegan diet and the financially lean years of his early pro career.

He got a laugh out of Pacquiao at the pre-fight press conference by unveiling a giant "ticket" for a re-match to follow his victory on Saturday.

Bradley's trainer, Joel Diaz, also said his fighter was ready for the pro-Pacquiao crowd that is sure to greet him Saturday night at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, noting that he dealt admirably with the hostile crowd in Nottingham when he upset Witter.

Both fighters have said they have made adjustments in training to try to minimize the risk of head-butts determining the bout—Bradley because he has been accused of leading with his head in the past and Pacquiao mainly because the southpaw-righty matchup can often lead to such butts.

"He's tired of all these people saying he uses his head intentionally," Diaz said of Bradley.

Roach didn't go so far as to call Bradley a dirty fighter, but said: "He does use his head quite a bit. It's something we have to be concerned about.

"If he comes in head first, you use lateral movement. Over 12 rounds, a southpaw and righty, their heads are on the same side. Head butts do happen." ***(Agence France-Presse)***

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MDX keeps spotless record in masters

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Defending champion MDX/Armatech passed its acid test with flying colors after dominating Bayani/LBT Appraisal, 84-71, during the second game in the 2012 UFO Masters Budweiser Cup last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The 13-point win gave MDX a clean 4-0 record, one win away from sweeping the first round of the two-round robin league. Bayani, which was anticipated to match up well against the deep roster of MDX, did not live up to expectations and fell to a 1-1 record.

MDX leaned on its impressive 3-point shooting to gain control of the game early, while Bruce Berline asserted his might in the paint to foil Bayani's rally in the fourth quarter.

James Abuy canned two triples and finished with 10 points in the opening period, while Martin Moreno drained one trey and added three more points for their 25-17 advantage.

The lead ballooned to 17 at the break, 47-30, as Abuy, Moreno, and Jinang nailed one triple each in the second period, while Berline and fellow big man Art Trajano took care of the boards for several second chance points.

MDX tasted its biggest lead in the third, 61-36, as it continued to have a well-run offense, while Bayani still could not find the right combination to get its game going. Bayani then managed to cut the deficit to 17 at the end of the third, 46-63, as MDX starters sat down in the last three minutes of that quarter.

Bayani continued its comeback and moved within 10, 62-72, after Tony Diaz's banked triple, 4:42 left on the clock. However, that was the closest Bayani could get, as Berline returned to the floor and threw the killer blows.

The MDX center connected on a turnaround jumper, followed by an undergoal stab that also drew a foul on Edwin Santos. Berline missed the bonus shot, but trooped to the stripe anew after MDX got the offensive board and this time he made both charities for a safe 78-62 lead, only 1:45 remaining in the match

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MDX/Armatech's Bruce Berline goes up for a shot Bayani/LBT Appraisal's Danny Bicera (9), and Edwin Santos during the fourth quarter of their game in the Budweiser Cup last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Berline finished with a game-high 21 points, scoring eight of MDX's last 12 points, while Abuy and Moreno also had double digits with 12 and 11, respectively.

Alex Ocampo top-scored for Bayani with 15, but 8 of them came in the first quarter, as he was a non-factor in the remaining three periods. The rest of Bayani's big men struggled against Berline and company.

VisMinda 72, MAFEA 63

In the curtain raiser, VisMinda/Hi-Five notched its first win in two games after prevailing over MAFEA/CMI (0-3).

After falling behind in the first period, 16-17, VisMinda took over in the last three quarters behind its balance offense for the 11-point win. Four players contributed double figures with Ramil Santos nailing 14, Norman Olfindo adding 11, and Sandy Quimbao and Bobby Geli drilling 10 apiece.

Santos fired eight of his total points in the second canto, turning a 16-17 deficit to a 34-30 halftime advantage. His teammates then stepped up in the third to up the lead to 7, 52-45, while Olfindo ran the show in the fourth, making 8 of his 11 points in the final period.

First Game

VisMinda/Hi-Five 72 – Santos 14, Olfindo 11, Geli 10, Quimbao 10, Bello 8, Miguel 8, De Belen 8, Yap 2.

MAFEA/CMI 63 – Surima 17, Malicden 13, Sevilla 10, Paraiso 7, Leong 4, Guirey 4, Garcia 2, Jose 2, Jastillana 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-17, 34-30, 52-45, 72-63.

Second Game

MDX/Armatech 84 – Berline 21, Abuy 12, Moreno 11,

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Manny Pacquiao puts on sunglasses during a press conference at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas Wednesday, June 6, 2012.

Pacquiao aims to silence doubters by defending title

BOXING

LAS VEGAS—Manny Pacquiao has more at stake than his World Boxing Organization welterweight title when he takes on unbeaten American Timothy Bradley on Saturday—he has his reputation on the line.

Pacquiao trainer Freddie Roach didn't mince words when he said the Filipino ring icon would be fighting to regain some luster after his controversial majority decision over Juan Manuel Marquez last November.

"Manny's motivation is his last fight. We had the first bad fight we had in 11 years,"

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Jojo Savellano makes a return during his and daughter Jen's mixed doubles B game against Rommel Bartolome and Lucelle Lampera in the IT&E last weekend at the NMBA Gym at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

MHS students dominate NMASA May awardees

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ATHLETES of the MONTH

Three of the four NMASA monthly awards (May) Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association handed last Thursday night went to Marianas High School students.

The Dolphins' Rachel Abrams and Michael Mancao took the Tan Siu Lin Foundation/NMASA Female and Male Student Athletes of the Month plum, while MHS graduate Lia Rangamar claimed the NMASA Male Athlete of the Month award. Completing the May top performers list was bowling's Percy Omechelang.

Abrams | Mancao | Rangamar | Omechelang

Abrams earned NMASA members' nods after her impressive showing both in athletics and basketball competitions. She posted junior national and All Schools Championships records and won gold medals in both in the 100m and 200m runs after posting 12.71 seconds and 27.13 seconds, respectively.

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Race for semis slots in IT&E tourney tightens up

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The race for the semis berths in the IT&E Singles & Mixed Doubles Badminton Tournament 2012 is on after nine days of competition at the NMBA Gym at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

In the mixed doubles C, only two semis tickets are left after Joel and Alma Ortega and Dick Koo and Woo Kyung Bae secured the first two in Group A. As of Tuesday's results, the Ortegas are unbeaten in four games, while Koo and Bae finished the round-robin in elimination with a 4-1 card.

In Group B, the pairs of Son Jae Ok and Fen Luan Li and Brandon Talania and Roma Barlao have an inside track for the two remain-

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